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Vessels.	Tons.	Captains.	1900.
M.L. CALEDONIA	7558	E. H. Gordon	20th Oct.
* PENINSULAR	5487	T. Leigh	27th "
M.L. CHINA	7912	T. S. Angus	3rd Nov.
* ORIENTAL	5284	J. F. Jephson	10th "
M.L. EGYPT	7912	C. F. Preston	17th "
* PENINSULAR	5247	T. Leigh	24th "
M.L. ARABIA	7923	J. L. Perfitt	1st Dec.
* ORIENTAL	5284	J. F. Jephson	8th "
M.L. PERSIA	8000	W. A. Wheler	15th "
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M.L. SOBRAON	7382	L. M. Wibmer	29th "

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F. RITCHIE,
Superintendent P & O. S. N. Company.
Bombay, 29th September, 1900.

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UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH AUSTRIAN THE GOVERNMENT.

TO TRIESTE DIRECT VIA ADEN, SUEZ AND PORT SAID.

Steamer.	Captains.	Tons.	To sail on
BABSBURG	R. Mitis	4,016	1st Nov., 1900.
IMPERATRIX	G. Nicolich	4,194	1st Dec. 1900.

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	1st Class.	2nd Class.	Deck.
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Steamer.	Captains.	Tons.	To sail
VINDOBONA	G. Klausberger	4,351	In Jan., 1901.

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	Saloon.	Deck.
TO TRIESTE OR VENICE	Rs. 375	Rs. 150.

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Steamer.	Captain.	Tons.	To sail on or about
GISELA	F. Mosca	4,253	25th Oct. 1900.

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TO MARSEILLES.

Vessels.	Tons.	Captains.	To sail on THURSDAY.
INDUS	6,357	Duchatean	25th Oct., 1900.
SYDNEY	4,232	Aubert	22nd Nov., 1900.
ANNAM	6,208	Poydonot	20th Dec., 1900.

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S. S. "ANNAM," 6,357 tons, Captain Poydenot, to sail on or about the 17th Oct. 1900.

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FOR KURRACHEE AND PERSIAN GULF.

S. S. "KILWA," 1,552 tons, at 10 a.m., on the 18th October, calling at Kurrachee, Gwadur, Muscat, Bunder Abbas, Linga, Bushire, Fao, Mahomerah, and Busreh, in the foregoing or any order (weather permitting).

FOR ADEN, MOMBASA, ZANZIBAR, AND LAMU.

S. S. "GOA," 1,903 tons, on or about 29th October.

FOR KARACHI, SEYCHELLES, MOMBASA, AND ZANZIBAR.

S. S. "SCINDIA," 2,729 tons, on or about 9th November.

FOR COAST AND CALCUTTA.

S. S. "MERKARA," 3,099 tons, on or about 25th October.

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & Co., Agents.

Bombay, 13th October, 1900.

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A new feature, as will be seen in the present issue of the Catalogue, is that we have included all the different lines of business which we undertake in one and the same cover, whereas in former years they were printed in separate handbooks, leaflets, &c., necessitating a deal of needless repetition.

It has, therefore, been our endeavour to spare the public the tediousness of the task of looking through a number of separate prints for what they require, by compiling the present issue in as concise and handy a form as possible, adding to it an Index—a feature that was not possible to introduce in the former erratic sort of publications.

Of course, we are sensible of many defects in this our first venture: the principal one being the impossibility to embody in a trade catalogue a complete list of our stock of Engravings. We would, therefore, request those seeking any known engraving not enumerated herein to communicate with us.

We have, further, the pleasure of notifying our *clientele* of our removal into more spacious and conspicuous premises, the address of which we would ask them to kindly take particular note.

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The Second UP MIXED TRAIN will leave Secunderabad at 29 hours instead of 19-45 as at present.

W. GAYE,
Traffic Manager,
Traffic Manager's Office, Secunderabad, 12th October 1900.

AUCTION NOTICE.

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The stores will be ready for inspection of intending purchasers on the 22nd idem.

TERMS OF SALE.—A deposit of 25 per cent. is to be immediately paid as the lots are knocked down and the remainder to be paid and the articles cleared away on or before the fifteenth day after the sale; otherwise the deposits will be forfeited and lots re-sold for the benefit of the State.

For further particulars apply to the Marine Storekeeper,

S. GOODRIDGE.
Director of the Royal Indian Marine.
R. I. M. Dockyard, Bombay, 8th October, 1900.

THE KHANDEISH SPINNING AND WEAVING MILLS CO., LD.

ધી ખાનદેશ સ્પીનીંગ એંડ વીવીંગ મીલસ, કંપની, લીમીટેડ.

NOTICE IS hereby given that an ADINTERIM DIVIDEND for the half year ending 30th June, 1900, at Rs. 20 per whole and Rs. 6 1-4 per quarter Share (Free of Income Tax), is declared payable to the registered shareholders of this Company on and after Monday the 15th October, 1900, between the hours of 12 A.M. and 3 P.M. at the Registered Office No 3, Tamarind Lane, Fort, on production of Share Certificates

By Orde. of the Board of Directors,

મુલજી જેઠાની કું૦
i. e., MOOLJEE JAITHA & CO.,
Secretaries and Treasurers.

Bombay, 8th October, 1900.

N B—The TRANSFER BOOKS of the above Company will be closed from 9th, October to 18th October, 1900, both days inclusive.

THE SOUTHERN MAHRATTA SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that INTEREST on the Second Issue Shares at 3 1-2 per cent per annum for the half year ending 31st December last under the terms of the Prospectus, dated 9th October 1896, will be PAID on and after MONDAY, the 22nd October 1900, between the hours of 11 A.M., and 1 P.M., on SATURDAYS and 11 A.M. and 3 P.M. on other week days to Shareholders, whose names appear on the Register of the Company on the 4th October, 1900, on production of Share Certificates.

Shareholders residing in Dharwar, Belgaum and Bijapur Districts will obtain Interest Warrants at HUBLI, on and after MONDAY, the 12th November, 1900, on production of the Share Certificates to our Representatives there.

Shareholders in Southern Districts are requested to pay up the overdue calls on the Second Issue Shares, and obtain their Share Certificates with Interest Warrants on presenting the Payment Receipts and the Allotment Letter duly discharged, at the Company's Head Office in Bombay.

By Order of the Directors.

P. CHRYSTAL & CO.
Secretaries and Managers

Bombay, 13th October, 1900

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, Empress of India.

Petition for letters of Administration of the Property and Credits of FATMABIBI daughter of SYED ALI CADIREE and widow of MAHOMED HOOSEIN PUTRICK late of Bombay Mahomedan Inhabitant, deceased.

DADOO MIYA bin MAHOMED HOOSEIN PUTRICK son of the abovenamed deceased residing at Mutton Street without the Fort of Bombay .....Petitioner.

ALL PERSONS claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased, are hereby cited to come and see the proceedings, if they think fit, before the Grant of Letters of Administration.

Witness SIR LAWRENCE H. JENKINS, KNIGHT, Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid, the 10th day October, in the year of our Lord, One thousand and nine hundred, and in the Sixty-fourth year of our Reign.

L. N. BANAJI,
Registrar.

The Seal of the High Court at Bombay.

D. B. BINNING,
The 11th day of October, 1900.
Messrs. BHAISHANKER & KANGA,
Petitioner's Attorneys.

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AN ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of this Company will be held at Shapoorwadi on FRIDAY the 26th October, 1900 at 5 p.m. to transact the following business:—

1. To adopt the Director's Report and Audited Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December 1899.
2. To declare a Dividend.
3. To elect two Directors in place of those who retire by rotation, but are eligible for re-election.
4. To appoint Auditor or Auditors for the year 1900.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

S. E. CHENAI,
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N. B.—The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 16th October, 1900 to 1st November, 1900, both days inclusive.

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Further particulars can be obtained by application to the undersigned.

Applications stating age and qualifications should be submitted through the Head of the Department concerned and should reach undersigned not later than 1st December next.

R. E. V. ARBUTHNOT,
Secretary to the Government of Burma, Rangoon.

SALES BY AUCTION.

SORABJEE COWASJEE & CO.,
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Messrs. Sorabjee Cowasjee and Co., will on WEDNESDAY the 17th October, 1900 at 2 p.m., sell by Public Auction at their sales Rooms the following:—

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SALE OF THE INDIAN PRINTING PRESS

By order of the Mortgagees Messrs. B. M. PATKER and Co., secretaries of the General Family Relief Society Ltd., and on account and at the risk of the Mortgagors Nanabhoy Sadanand Paleker, Dinanath Sadanand Paleker, and Bhagwant Sadanand Paleker, Proprietors of the Indian Printing Press, by virtue of the power of sale reserved by an Indenture of Mortgage dated the 22nd October 1898, and made between the said Nanabhoy Sadanand Paleker, Dinanath Sadanand Paliker and Bhagwant Sadanand Paleker of the one part and the said Messrs. B. M. Patker and Co., Secretaris and Agents of the General Family Relief Society Limited of the other Messrs. Sorabjee Cawasjee and Co., will on SATURDAY the 27th day of October, 1900 at 2 p.m., sell by Public Auction on the premises of the above named Press at Girgaum Road out of Fort all the stock in trade, plant goods fixtures, printing and other machinery and materials of the Indian Printing Press comprising Hopkinsons Royal and Foolscap Presses, Harrild's double Super Royal Printing Machine, backing machine, embossing Imperial press, Book-binding presses, English, Gujrati and Marathi types, Brass gallies galley racks cardboard paper cutting and paging machines etc. together with all the interest and good will of the mortgagors in the business of printers and publishers carried on by them and known as "The Indian Printing Press."

Private offers for the whole as a going concern will also be received any day before the day of sale by the undersigned.

Property will be on view four days before the day of sale.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to Messrs. Hormasjee and Romer solicitors at their office No. 9 Tamarind Lane, Fort, or to the undersigned.

SORABJEE COWASJEE & Co.,
Bombay, 15th October, 1900. Auctioneers.

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By Order of the Board,
F. D. STRANACK,
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Oriental Buildings Bombay, 1st May, 1900.

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THIS DAY, MONDAY, the 15th instant, at 3 p.m., Messrs CRAWFORD & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at their Rooms, the surplus furniture of Messrs. Whiteaway and Laidlaw, consisting of hard some teakwood, single and double mirror door almyrahs, side-boards, bedsteads, light and easy chairs, chest of drawers, towel horses, dressing tables with mirror attached, corner cabinets, large and small size drawing-room cabinets, wall brackets, hat stands etc.

Catalogues are published and the property is on view.

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THIS DAY, MONDAY, the 15th instant at 2 p.m, Messrs CRAWFORD & Co., will sell by Public Auction at their Rooms, a quantity of white, grey, and coloured piece-goods, and the following:—

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1 1-2 B.H.P. oil engine with sump, spanners and water chamber by R. A. Lee.
The property of an officer:—1 D. B.M.L. gun, 1 S-B gun, iron cots, leather portmanteau, boots etc.,
By order of the executors of the late Mrs. M. Morris:—gold watch chain, watch guard, lady's watch, brooch, locket and rings.
By order of the executors of the late Mr. P. Myatt:—1 gold open faced watch.
By order of the Administrator-General as Administrator of the estate of the late Nowabdas Nagindas:—1 pocket of small rubies, 1 pocket of diamonds, rubies and emeralds, 1 packet of rubies and emeralds, 1 packet of small rubies, 1 packet of very small rubies, and 6 gold ear-stud frames.
On account and at the risk of Framji Rustomji Writer:—1 gold ear-stud set with diamonds.
On account and at the risk of Bhansali Cursandas Vithuldas,
1 silk pitamber with gold border, 3 silk sarees with embroidered border, and 1 gold watch.
On account and at the risk of Bhansali Cursondas Vithuldas and Damodar Lowji:—1 gold embroidered cap, belt, coat, shawl, and a pair of trousers.

AT 2 P.M.

3 brand new Brookes bicycles.
1 complete set of new T adem Harness,
1 English new pony size pole cart,
1 English Pony size Bath's dog car patent axle
1 English light cobsize dog-cart phaeton patent axle lamps and lever brake.
The property of Capt. G. D Graham—
1 light victoria, in good order, with lamps,
Also 1 strong built office abigram,
1 light dog-cart, in good order.
1 circular double seated brougham and any other carriages and horses which may be offered.

SALE OF 1 CASE MOROCCOLINE.

THIS DAY, MONDAY the 15th instant, at 3 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, by order of the Indentors and on account and at the risk of the parties concerned.

Ex s s Eme.

1 case 7 pieces Morocculine (Imitation leather) 50 inches.

SALE OF COTTON AND YARN IN PROCESS, MILL STORES AND DEAD-STOCK AT THE DHUN MILLS, KHANDESH ROAD.

TO-MORROW, TUESDAY, the 16th instant, at 2 p.m. Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at the premises of the Mill, by order of the concerned and on account and at the risk of the Dhun Mills, Limited.

A quantity of cotton and yarn in process, mill stores, bar iron, wooden scantlings, water pump, indic

NOTICES.

GREAT INDIAN PENINSULA RAILWAY.

NOTICE.

OPENING OF CHALISGAON DHULIA BRANCH.

JAMDHA, RAJMANE SHIRUD and DHULIA STATIONS on the Chalisgaon Dhulia Section will be OPENED for GOODS TRAFFIC only from 15th instant. Particulars of Rates, &c., can be had on application at stations or to the Undersigned.

A. MUIRHEAD,
General Traffic Manager.

Victoria Terminus, Bombay, 11th October, 1900.

BOMBAY IMPROVEMENT TRUST.

NOTICE.

THE TRUSTEES for the Improvement of the City of Bombay are prepared to receive APPLICATIONS for the LEASE of the BUILDING SITES on the WODEHOUSE ROAD PLOT.

2. A plan of the sites showing also the rates of rent fixed by the Board can be seen on application at the office of the Engineer of the Trust, Albert Buildings.

By Order,
W. N. SHILSTONE,
Secretary.

Office of the Improvement Trust, Albert Buildings, Hornby, Road,
Bombay 1st October, 1900.

NOTICE is hereby given that two Share Certificates Nos. 7421 and 8904 in respect of eight shares of the Bank of Bombay numbered 2706, 2707, 2708, 2709, 2710, 2711, 8937 and 8938, standing in the name of the late MANCOOVERBAI widow of VUSSONJI HURRUCKCHUND have been LOST STOLEN or MISLAID and due notice thereof has been given to the Bank and an application made on behalf of the Administrators of the said Mancooverbai for the issue of duplicate share certificates.

All persons are hereby warned against dealing with the shares.

BICKNELL, MERWANJI & MOTILAL,
Attorneys for Nemchand Naranji Lalji Jugjiwan, Gocouldas Liladhur and Bhimji Ramdas, Administrators of Mancooverbai deceased.

Bombay, 6th October, 1900.

NOTICE.

TENDERS are invited for the RIGHT to PLY a STEAM FERRY between Bombay and the following places:—

URAN, HOG ISLAND, ULWA, MANDWA, KARANJA, REWAS, AND DHARAMTAR;

for a period of five years.

The terms of the Contract may be seen on calling at the office of the Collector of Kolaba at Alibag, or the Collector of Bombay, Customs House.

Tenders will be received so as to reach the Collector upto 30th October, 12 noon.

H. W. J. BAGNELL,
Collector, Kolaba.

Alibag, 9th October 1900.

SOUTH AFRICA.

MESSRS. THOS. COOK and SON have pleasure in announcing that they have now extended their business to SOUTH AFRICA. An OFFICE has been OPENED at St. GEORGE'S STREET, CAPE TOWN, and Branches will shortly be opened at DURBAN, JOHANNESBURG, &c., &c.

They are now in a position to transact all Banking and Agency business in South Africa, including Sale and Purchase of Drafts, Remittances, Letters of Credit, &c. Passages booked to all Ports and Baggage shipped and forwarded at Lowest Rates.

THE WESTREN INDIA TYPEWRITING COMPANY,

No. 57, ESPLANADE ROAD,
OPPOSITE THE BOMBAY CLUB.

A SCHOOL of TYPEWRITING and SHORTHAND has been OPENED by the above Company, which provides unequalled facilities to Students for rapidly acquiring a thoroughly practical knowledge within three months. Special arrangements have been made to give INDIVIDUAL INSTRUCTIONS at any time during the course of the day, to the Pupils' entire SATISFACTION. CERTIFICATES of Proficiency are guaranteed and Students are recommended for EMPLOYMENT.

COPYING WORK of all kinds done on Special Terms.

TYPEWRITERS and ACCESSORIES supplied and REPAIRS promptly executed.

TERMS on Application:

TO THE MANAGER.

BANK OF BOMBAY.

SAVINGS BANK.

THE BANK receives DEPOSITS on the following terms:—

Sums not exceeding Rs. 1,000 in the aggregate may be deposited within any one year from 1st January to 31st December.

Deposits may be made in the names of two or more persons, and the balance made payable to one or more of them or to the survivor or survivors.

Interest is allowed at the rate of THREE PER CENT. per annum on the minimum monthly balance not exceeding Rs. 5,000.

Copies of the Rules can be obtained on application at the Bank.

J. BEGBIE,
Secretary and Treasurer

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

SUIT NO. 402 OF 1899.

CHUNILAL DAMODARDASS .....Plaintiff.

vs.

BAI GULAB, widow of KASSIDAS RAMDASS .....Defendant.

PURSUANT to the decree made in the above Suit and bearing date the 26th day of January 1900, the following immoveable property will be SOLD by PUBLIC AUCTION by the Commissioner of this Honorable Court on the premises, on WEDNESDAY, the 7th day of November 1900, at the hour of three o'clock in the afternoon

PARTICULARS,

All the estate, right, title and interest of the plaintiff abovenamed as the Sole Surviving Son of DAMODARDAS CAHANDAS and of the Defendant abovenamed Widow and Executrix of the last Will and testament of KASIDAS RAMDAS in all that piece or parcel of Fazendari land or ground, of which Wassoodeo Withoji is the Fazendar together with the messuage, tenement or dwelling house standing thereon situate on the southern side of Third Bhoiwada Street without the Fort wall of Bombay, in the Registration Sub district of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 16 feet in breadth and 70 feet in length or thereabouts and bounded as follows:—That is to say on or towards the East by the house of Zeena Muccon, on or towards the West by the house formerly of Pranjivan Shanker and now of Vibhookhandas Pranjivandas, on or towards the North by the public road called 3rd Bhoiwada, and on the South by a passage for sweepers and assessed by the Collector of Assessment under No. 4, Ward No. 5395, and Street Nos. 87 89, and which is now in the possession of the Plaintiff abovenamed as Receiver appointed in the said suit No. 402 of 1899.

For further particulars and conditions of sale application should be made at the office of the said Commissioner or at the office of Messrs. BHAISHANKER and KANGA, Attorneys for the Plaintiff abovenamed, at Albert Building, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay.—Dated this 19th day of September, 1900.

A. K. OLIVER,
Commissioner.

J. GHOSE AND SONS.

BOOK COLLECTORS OF CALCUTTA,
Temporary Address: Indore Residency, B.

TO BE SHORTLY PUBLISHED.

1. RAJA OF SATARA DETHRONED, with all the Papers on the case and the Impeachment of Colonel C. Ovans, Rs. 3-8-0.
2. MY THOUGHTS: Religious, Social and Moral. In seven languages. Under the patronage of H. H. the Rao of Cutch, G.C.I.E. Free Distribution.
3. SHELLEY'S SPIRITUAL PHILOSOPHY, Rs. 2-12-0.

FOR SALE.

1. SIR MUTAQHARIN; or, View of Modern Times, being an History of India from 1118 to 1195 of the Hidjrah (1781-82 A.D.), containing the reigns of the last seven Emperors of Hindustan; and in particular, an account of the English wars in Bengal, the rise and fall of Saradj-ed-Dowlah and Shudjah-ed-Dowlah, to which is added a critical examination of the English Government in these Countries from the PERSIAN of Said, Gholam Hossein Khan, 3 stout volumes 4to calf VERY SCARCE, PRIVATELY PRINTED, CALCUTTA, 1789.
2. LORD'S DISCOVERY OF THE SECT OF THE BANIANS AND THE RELIGION OF THE PARSEES. Wherein is shewn the superstitious ceremonies used amongst them. More especially their Idolatrous Worship of Fire. Cr. size Edition, 1630. Price on application.

VERY SCARCE.

3. TOD'S TRAVELS in Western India, embracing a visit to the sacred Mount of the Jains and the most celebrated Shrines of Hindu Faith between Rajpootana and the Indus, Royal 4to, PLATES, CLOTH, VERY SCARCE, 1839.

This work is infinitely rarer than the "Rajasthan" by the same author.

4. COLLECTION of 45 tracts relating to Indian Antiquities, Inscriptions, &c., by J. Stevenson, J. D. Cunningham, Rajendralala Mitra, and others, 8vo. unbound, 1837-38.
5. EDWARD MOOR'S HINDU PANTHEON, with 105 Steel Plates, 4to calf, 1810. VERY SCARCE.
6. HAMILTON'S TRANSLATION of the Hedaya or commentary on Musealman Laws, 4 vols, new, half calf 1791.

All communications to be addressed to the FIRM.

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 5h. 54m, Sun sets, 5h. 37m. High water, 4-22m., 4-33 a. Low water, 11-0m., 10-2 s.
P. and O. s. s. Peninsular, with English mails of 28th September, due to arrive at 6 a. m.
Municipal Corporation, 3 p. m.
Gymkhana Bowls Handicap.

A JUGGLER MISSING HIS SON.—Goolab Heera, a wandering juggler, has made a report to the police that his son Heera, aged six years, has been missing since the 3rd instant. The lad was last seen at Gowalia Tank on the afternoon of the day in question.

THE ROWLEE HILL AFFAIR.—The Naik Shripati Shinde and the Sepoys Balnak Esmalnak and Gannak Poonak who were attacked with a bayonet by a soldier of the same regiment, named Ramnak Balnak, on Thursday night, at the Rowlee Fort, are progressing favourably at the regimental hospital, under medical treatment.

ELPHINSTONE HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS.—The second annual sports of the Elphinstone High School will be held in the compound of the school on Friday and Saturday. Admission will be by ticket, obtainable at the office. Old pupils, who wish to enter for the "Old Boys' Race," should send in their names as soon as possible.

THE LATE SIR JAMSETJEE'S BUNGALOWS.—Two bungalows, situated at Poona, the property of the late Sir Jamsetjee, third Baronet, have been sold for an aggregate sum of Rs. 25,000. The large bungalow in which the late Baronet was in the habit of residing has been purchased by the present Baronet; while the other has been purchased by his brother-in-law, Mr. Rustomjee Byramjee Jeejeebhoy.

FATAL ACCIDENT TO A LABOURER.—Mr. P Byrne, the coroner, held an inquiry, on Saturday, at Chimna Butcher Street, Grant Road, regarding the death of Rama Govind, a Hindu labourer, aged about 45 years. On Friday last, the deceased was at work at a house under repairs in Chimna Butcher Street. He was demolishing a portion of an old wall on the ground floor, while some labourers were removing tiles from the roof. Suddenly a log of timber fell from the roof on to the deceased, killing him on the spot. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

A DESERTER SENT TO JAIL.—Before Mr. P. H. Dastur, Acting Second Presidency Magistrate, at the Mazagon Police Court, on Saturday, Frederick Steuart, a European, was charged by Constable Hayter with deserting the Government Workhouse, On the 27th September last, accused obtained a day's leave from the workhouse on the pretext of going out in search of employment and disappeared. He was arrested while wandering about Clare Road, Byculla. The accused had a record of five previous convictions against him for similar offences. He was sentenced to three months' rigorous imprisonment.

OBSTRUCTING THE ROAD.—At the Esplanade Police Court on Saturday, before Mr. W. Webb, Acting Chief Presidency Magistrate, Sajan Lakhuna, an employe in the Singer Manufacturing Company, was charged with having exposed for sale books and caused obstruction on the Hornby Road. Mr. Rustom D. N. Wadia appeared for the accused, who it was said, had sat down on the public pavement outside the New High School and was selling books to the boys of the School during the recess between 1 and 2 p.m., on Friday last. He had been warned on two or three occasions but he still persisted in selling them. Mr. Wadia, for the defence, said that the accused was selling some useful and instructive exercise books, published by the Singer Manufacturing Company. The accused was standing inside the corridor near the steps of the school, and was not obstructing the highway as alleged. Hundreds of boys sold local newspapers every day on the streets, and it was held in that court by Mr. Sanders Slater that boys selling newspapers and books on the streets did not come under the section. His Worship warned and discharged the accused.

THEFT OF PATENT MEDICINES.

At the Esplanade Police Court, on Saturday, before Mr. W. Webb, Acting Chief Presidency Magistrate, A. D'Aguiar a Goanese compounder, was charged with the theft of patent medicines, valued at Rs. 220, the property of Messrs. Kemp and Co., and a Parsee, named Rustomji Dhanjibhoy Lakdavalla with receiving stolen property, knowing the same to be stolen and also offering a bribe to a public servant in the discharge of his duty. Mr. Velinkar, pleader, defended the second accused.

Mr. Alfred Pell, General Manager of Messrs. Kemp and Co., said the first accused was a compounder and worked in the firm's Fort establishment. He missed articles from the shop and communicated with the police. On receiving certain information, he went to the Superintendent's office where he was shown certain articles which he identified as belonging to Messrs. Kemp and Co. He valued the goods at Rs. 220.

Superintendent Sanderson, who prosecuted on behalf of the police, said, that in consequence of articles being missed from the shop, a complaint was made to the police a few days ago by Mr. Pell. The police instituted an inquiry, which led to the arrest of the accused and a Parsee named Rustomjee Dhunjibhoy Lakdawalla who admitted having bought the articles in question from the first accused on different occasions for Rs. 123.

A police sepoy stated that on Friday afternoon he saw Rustomjee engage a hack-victoria, in Ghoga Street, in which was placed a box and the gharry then drove away towards Crawford Market. The sepoy followed the victoria, which eventually stopped at a druggist's shop near the Juma Mujid, and the box was taken into it. After making further investigations he took the box to the Bazar Gate police station, where it was opened, and the stolen articles were found in it.

The first accused denied the charge and asked for a remand of the case in order to enable him to call his witnesses. The application was granted.

Mr. Velinkar, for the second defendant, pleaded guilty to both the charges, and asked for a lenient punishment.

As this was his first offence the magistrate sentenced the accused on the first charge to a day's imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rs. 250, or in default to four months' hard labour. On the second charge his Worship sentenced him to a day's imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rs. 100.

DESTROYING THE S. S. JUBEDA.

DURING the past week a submarine party from Fort William, accompanied by a detachment of the Engineer Company, Port Defence Volunteers, has been engaged in blowing up the wreck of the s. s. Jubeda. The operations, which were successful, were witnessed by General Leach and Staff. The marine court enquiry organised at the instance of the Government of Bengal opened at the Port Office, on Friday, to investigate the circumstances which caused in the loss of the s.s Jubeda while proceeding down the river on the 6th September last, in pilotage charge of Mr. Keys. Mr. T. A. Pearson, Chief Presidency Magistrate, who presided, was assisted by Mr. L. F. Smith, Licensed Branch Pilot, Captain W. R. Wright, Marine Superintendent of the Asiatic Steam Navigation Co., and Mr. E. G. Venn, Acting First Engineer and Shipwright Surveyor to the Government of Bengal. Mr. Douglas White, assisted by Mr. H. Huntly, Branch Pilot, conducted the enquiry on behalf of the Government of Bengal. Mr. Hyde, instructed by Mr. Longmuir, appeared for the owners and officers of the Jubeda.

ATHLETIC AND SPORTING MEETING, 1900.

BOWLS' HANDICAP COMPETITION.

THE following is the result of the drawing of the Bowls Handicap:—

	Handicap	1st Round	2nd Round	3rd Round	4th Round	Final
C J Michael	7 points					
L Stansfield	Scratch					
W Ferrier	3 points	Byes				
A Smith	3 "					
W S Church	4 "					
G W Gilchrist	Scratch					
C F Francis	7 points					
D MacDonald	Scratch					
J R Boyes	7 points					
E Yeo	4 "					
J Sheepshanks	5 "					
M F Reid	3 "					
W N Shilstone	2 "					
C M Ross	5 "					
J Seven	Scratch					
T Davis	Scratch					
D B Binning	3 points					
F W Hanson	Scratch	Byes				
P T Arnot	7 points					
A T Spalding	7 "					
D Miller	3 "					

The game is 21 points. Each player to use four bowls.
1st Round to be finished by Wednesday 17th October.
2nd do do by Saturday 20th do.
3rd do do by Thursday 25th do.
4th do do on Friday 26th do.
The Final do on Saturday 27th do.

DARING CONSPIRACY TO CHEAT.

CONVICTION OF ACCUSED.

At the Mazagon Police Court, on Saturday afternoon, Mr. P. H. Dastur, Acting Second Presidency Magistrate, disposed of the case, in which Abdul Rahiman Abdul Kadir Sulleman Cassum, Jivandas Lukhmidas and Harry Beale, a European, were charged with conspiring and cheating one Jan Mahomed Haji Ahmed, by dishonestly inducing him to pay to accused No. 3, Jivandas, a sum of Rs. 350 and to pass a promissory note for Rs. 150. Mr. Kazi Kabiruddin, barrister-at-law, appeared to prosecute. The facts disclosed that Abdul Rahiman knew complainant and along with Sulleman Cassum he went to complainant's house on the 15th ultimo, where Sulleman was introduced to complainant as a broker. Abdul informed the complainant that there was a chawl for sale for Rs. 16,000 and that it could be resold at once for Rs. 24,000. He further stated that the broker Sulleman had found out a man who would sell his property for Rs. 16,000 and another who would buy it up again for Rs. 24 000, and that therefore he had come to propose that complainant and himself should buy the property jointly, pay an equal share of the earnest money and divide the profit on the re-sale. The complainant agreed to buy the chawl and he was then driven to the house of the third accused Jivandas, the owner of the property. The latter agreed to sell his property for Rs. 16,000, and it was arranged that Rs. 1,000 should be paid to him as earnest money the next day. Abdul and Sulleman then took the complainant to Grant Road and there pointed out a chawl, and an open piece of land as the property of Jivandas, and after a very cursory inspection of the same, they all proceeded to Beale's bungalow at Mahaluxmee. Complainant asked Beale if he would buy the property and he agreed to do so for Rs. 24,000 and gave complainant a slip of paper on which the amount of money and something else had also been written. Complainant read the figure but did not know what the other writing was. They then left. Next day Abdul and Sulleman again went to complainant's house and took him to Jivandas Here they demanded the earnest-money and complainant brought from his house four currency notes, three for Rs. 100 each and one for Rs. 50. These, notes and a promissory note for Rs. 150 were given by complainant to Jivandas as his share of the earnest money. The other purchaser, Abdul, said he had no cash, and gave Jivandas four gold bangles and a pair of silver anklets as his share of the earnest-money. An agreement was then drawn up and executed and Abdul and Sulleman drove to Beale's bungalow. Beale however pretended to be ill and Abdul produced a slip of paper, and asked him to give a cheque for Rs. 5 000, which had been promised as a deposit. He however said he was too ill but promised to give the cheque next day, and they all left. Abdul saw complainant next day and made other excuses for not getting the cheque. It then occurred to the complainant to go to the chawl and make some enquiries, and to his surprise he learnt that the chawl belonged to one Panalal and that the pretended owner Jivandas had nothing to do with it. The matter was then reported to the police and the four accused were arrested.

The points for consideration in the case, his worship observed, were (1) Whether all the accused or any of them made false representations to the complainant, intending thereby to deceive him; (2) did such misrepresentations deceive the complainant; (3) was the complainant induced to part with his money in consequence of these misrepresentation; and (4) whether the intention of the party was dishonest and the representations were made in pursuance of a conspiracy, known to all of them to be false? It was clearly proved by the oral evidence that complainant was shown the chawl and land at Grant Road, which were said to be Jivandas' property, but it was proved beyond all doubt that it was not Jivandas' property, and therefore a false representation was made to him. If it was a genuine sale and purchase, the court was certain, further inquiries would have been made on both sides, but complainant was entering into the speculative transaction only to pocket the excess over Rs. 16,000, he was to obtain from Beale, and it was natural he had no inducement for making any further enquiries about the land he was going to buy. Complainant was induced to pay the earnest-money to secure property, because he believed that Sulleman had arranged with Beale that this property should be purchased by the Tramway Company on a higher value, and it was this misrepresentation alone that deceived complainant and induced him to part with his money. This Court after reviewing the evidence held that it had been proved that accused conspired to obtain the money falsely, though Abdul and Jivandas might have taken a principal part and the others a minor one, yet they were all equally guilty. His worship convicted all the accused and sentenced Abdul and Jivan to one year's rigorous imprisonment and each to pay a fine of Rs. 250, or in default to suffer a further imprisonment for four months. Sulleman and Beale were sentenced to a term of rigorous imprisonment for eight months each. Out of the fine Rs. 350 were ordered to be paid to the complainant as compensation.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m., on Saturday, give the following results:—

Wards.	Plague. Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Southern, Fort Northern and Esplanade	3	1	9
B Mandvi, Chukla, Umarkhadi and Dongri	7	4	24
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Panaswadi, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao and Kumbharwada	11	3	26
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpatty, Walkeshwar and Malabarhill	0	1	10
E Mazagon, Tarwadi, 2nd Nagpada, Kamatipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	8	0	26
F Parel, Sewree and Sion	0	0	9
G Mahim and Worlee	0	0	10
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	2	23
Total	29	11	137
Same date last year	15	16	115
Cholera	1	4	

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m., yesterday, give the following results:—

Wards.	Plague. Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes
A Upper, Middle & Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	1	1	6
B Mandvi, Chuckla, Umarkhadi and Dongri	1	2	17
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Panaswadi, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao and Kumbharwada	13	3	35
D Khetwady, Girgaum, Chowpaty, Walkeshwar and Malabarmi	1	0	9
E Mazagon, Tarwadi, 2nd Nagpada, Kamatipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	4	1	33
F Parel, Sewri and Sion	0	0	8
G Mahim and Worli	1	2	13
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	2	14
Total	21	11	139
Total plague deaths to date	80,052	66,257	
Same date last year	16	8	105

Cholera return discontinued.

INOCULATION.

The total of inoculated persons up to 3rd Oct. was 2,00,091.

Castes and Nationalities.	Week ending 3rd Oct., 1900.	From 6th Sept., 1899, up to 3rd Oct., 1900.	Since 1st Oct., 1897 up to 3rd Oct., 1900.
Brahmins	0	1,349	2,578
Jains	0	1,099	1,322
High Caste Hindus	0	60,270	64,760
Low Caste Hindus	1	92,994	95,010
Massalmans	0	11,715	21,185
Parsees	0	1,692	8,239
Jews	0	638	774
Europeans	1	237	368
Eurasians	0	229	239
Native Christians	0	1,942	3,180
Other Nationalities	0	1,480	1,725
Unclassified	0	1	651
Total	2	1,63,606	2,00,091

PLAGUE IN POONA.

The following are the plague returns of the Poona City from 11th to 12th instant:—

	Cases.	Deaths.
Shukurwar	8	7
Vetal	5	2
Ganj	4	4
Raviwar	10	10
Ganesh	0	0
Budhwar	4	1
Ghorapade	1	2
Sadashiv	11	10
Narayan	0	0
Shanvar	8	6
Bhavani	13	10
Nana	16	11
Raste	0	1
Kasba	5	4
Somwar	1	1
Mangalwar	1	1
Nihal	4	2
Bhamburda	0	2
Gulekdi	1	1
Unknown	4	0
Total mortality	96	75

HIGH COURT.—APPELLATE SIDE.

(Before the Hon. the CHIEF JUSTICE and the Hon. Mr. JUSTICE RANADE.)

A SUIT AGAINST THE AGENT G. I. P. RAILWAY.

GANESH RAMCHANDRA GADGIL VS. THE AGENT G. I. P. RAILWAY COMPANY.

THIS was a reference from Mr. Anant Gopal Bhave, 3irst class subordinate Judge of Sholapur, under section 617 of the Civil Procedure Code. The Hon. Mr. P. M. Mehta, and Mr. Chimanlal Setalvad, with Messrs. Dikshit and Dhunjishaw, appeared for the plaintiff. The Hon. Mr. Lang, with Messrs. Little and Co., appeared for the defendant.

Sir Lawrence Jenkins, in delivering his judgment, said: The plaintiff until May 1899 was a Station Master in the employ of the defendant Railway Company, and a member of the Company's Provident Fund. The 12th of the rules, by which that fund is regulated, provides that "a member dismissed the service for misconduct will receive back the amount of his subscriptions alone (without interest) less any amount claimable by the Company, on account of guarantee security, or on account of money due to the Company by the person dismissed or lost to them by his misconduct, the balance as his credit after the payment of the above, becoming the property of the Fund." The Company contend that in May 1899 the plaintiff was dismissed the service for misconduct, and in consequence they have declined to pay him more than the amount of his subscriptions. This suit is brought to recover the amount withheld. The case was heard by the First Class Subordinate Judge at Sholapur, and, as he entertained doubts on certain points, he has, under Section 617 of the Civil Procedure Code, referred the following questions to the High Court:—(a). Whether the plaintiff was guilty of such misconduct as rendered him liable to be dismissed from the service of the G. I. P. Railway Company? (b). If so, was he lawfully dismissed in consequence of such misconduct? He adds: "I am inclined to answer the first question in the affirmative and the latter question in the negative for the reasons set forth above." I will assume that the Subordinat Judge's opinion (for it is that the section requires) corresponds with his inclination. Now it is clear that the section does not permit the reference of a question of fact, and I am not disposed to take on myself duties or powers outside the scheme of the Code. I therefore take it that there was, as the Subordinate Judge has found, such misconduct on the plaintiff's part as rendered him liable to dismissal. So it only remains to be seen whether the plaintiff was lawfully dismissed in consequence of his misconduct. To this question Mr. Mehta has by way of answer argued, first, that there was no dismissal, because the plaintiff had in fact previously left the service of the Company; and second, that the notice is vitiated by the fact that it is dated the 13th of May.

I will first examine the contention that the defendant had left the service before he was dismissed, and for that purpose I must mention a few of the facts. The plaintiff had on the 14th of February gone on three months' leave without pay; that leave would expire on the 13th of May, and he would have to resume his duties on the 14th of May. On the 5th of May the plaintiff wrote to the District Traffic Superintendent, Agent and General Traffic Manager, G. I. P. Railway, Bombay, as follows:—"Sir, requests solicited through memorials being totally disregarded, I am unwilling to serve any longer. Please accept resignation with 24 hours' notice." No answer was sent to this, and the plaintiff never did return to duty. On or about the 19th or 20th the plaintiff was served with a notice dated the 13th of May that he was dismissed from the service of the Company. The argument on these facts is that, inasmuch as the plaintiff permanently absented himself, all relationship between the parties ceased, and there was no service in existence from which the plaintiff could be dismissed. The argument appears to me to confuse the duties under the contract with the performance of the contract, and when it is analysed, it comes to this: that because the duties were not performed they did not exist. Now a contract of service is continuing in its nature, and its continuance and the obligations under it can only be terminated in certain defined modes. Mere resignation obviously is not enough unless it be assented to, or unless it comply with those terms which the law implies or the prior agreement of the parties may permit. Here it is not suggested that the resignation of the 5th of May satisfied any of these conditions. Then what difference does it make that the plaintiff in accordance with the intimation in his letter of the 5th of May absented himself from his duties? None that I can see. Supposing he had not been on leave, but while in the active performance of his duties he had left his employment contrary to his obligation, could it then be said that he had terminated his contract of service so that he was not liable to dismissal? Surely not; nor can I see that the accident of his being on leave makes any difference. The plaintiff by absenting himself from his duties did not terminate the contract all he did was to give his employer the right to determine it, and that the Company maintain they did by dismissing him. The plaintiff's argument comes to this: that a man can by violating his obligations determine his contract against the will of the other side, and in my opinion that argument offends the first principles of contract law. I therefore, pass on to consider the effect of the notice having been dated the 13th of May 1899. It is said that as on that date the period of leave had not expired, the plaintiff had not absented himself from his service, and therefore no cause for dismissal had arisen. The intention of the Company, it is said, is to be ascertained by reference to the date on the document. But then this notice was not served until on or about the 19th of May, so that it had no operation until that date. By that time the plaintiff had absented himself, and I therefore think that there was a lawful dismissal though in fact the notice was dated the 13th of May and that such dismissal operated from its communication. It is true that among the papers is a certificate of service which states that the plaintiff was dismissed on the 7th of May. No argument, however, was based on this before us and the document does not appear to have been noticed in the Court below where an explanation might have been forthcoming had any point been raised. Therefore I do not think it would be right for us to take the date it mentions into consideration on this reference. But even if, contrary to my view, May 13th should be regarded as the crucial date, I do not think the plaintiff's case is advanced. His letter of the 5th of May was an intimation of his intention not to perform the services to which he was bound, and his conduct in the correspondence with that intimation. The Company only took him at his word and in the light of his later action justifiably so; and it seems to me that there was on the 13th an anticipatory breach which in the events entitled them to determine the contract by dismissing the plaintiff. This view of the position is, I think, supported by the principles enunciated in Hochster vs. De La Tour (2 E. & B., 678.) and underlying Section 39 of the Contract Act. For these reasons I think the plaintiff's suit should be dismissed.

Mr. Justice Ranade, who delivered a separate judgment, agreed with the views of the learned Chief Justice and the Court passed an order accordingly.

THE WEATHER.

(BY TELEGRAPH).

SIMLA, OCT. 13,

Saturday's observations show that pressure has decreased slightly in Lower Sind, Gujarat, Bombay, the Central parts of the country and in Lower Burma and Tenasserim. In other parts of the country it is practically unchanged. The depression in the south Punjab has almost filled up and skies are clearing in the north-west Himalayas. Leh has received a few drops of rain. Light to moderate rain has fallen in Malabar and Ceylon but only a few showers are reported from Burma and Assam and practically no rain has fallen elsewhere. Winds are irregular and generally light on the west coast and also round the Bay. Fine clear weather with unusually low temperature prevails over north-west and central India. Temperature is higher than usual in the south and east of the Peninsula, Bengal, Assam, Lower Burma aed Tenasserim.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M. ON SATURDAY, THE 13TH OF OCTOBER.

SUMMARY.

With the exception of a brisk fall at Karachi and Bhuj, the pressure changes have been small and irregular. Readings are highest at Hoshangabad, Indore, Khandwa, Akola, Amraoti and Malegaon, and lowest in the south and the extreme north. Gradients are moderate to slight.

Winds are very variable in direction and the force has been light.

The maximum temperature is from 5° to 8° in excess of normal at Ratnagiri, Belgaum, Bellary and Secunderabad, and the minimum from 5° to 8° in defect at Indore, Khandwa, Akola, Malegaon, Surat, Bhavnagar-Para, Veraval, Karachi, Jacobabad, Cawnpore, Allahabad, Jhansi and Hoshangabad. The highest temperature in the shade was 102° at Jacobabad and the lowest 57° at Akola. Humidity changes are unimportant and the skies are partially clouded on the Malabar Coast and in the Madras Presidency and Ceylon. About half an inch of rain has fallen at Cochin and very light showers at Mangalore and Calicut. Colombo reports (2'42").

The weather is fine and settled over the whole country. A few local scattered showers are likely in Ceylon and on the Malabar Coast.

G. L. TOWERS,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

PUBLIC COMPANY MEETINGS.

SOUTHERN MAHRATTA SPINNING AND WEAVING CO., LIMITED.

THE nineteenth ordinary general meeting of the shareholders of this Company was held on Saturday afternoon at its registered office, Bank Street, Fort, Mr. Vijbhucandas Atmaram presided. The following directors' report was taken as read and adopted:—

Gentlemen,—Your directors beg to submit their fifth annual report, together with the audited balance sheet and profit and loss account made up for the year ended 30th June 1900. Your directors however regret that they had to stop working the mills entirely from January in consequence of the total absence of demand for cloth and yarn owing to prevalence of famine in Gujrat, Kattiawar and other districts and the abnormal rise in the value of the raw material due to the scanty rain fall in the year 1899. It will be seen from the accounts that owing to the reason mentioned above your mills working has resulted in a loss of Rs. 7,336-5-7 for the whole under report, and considering the critical condition of the mill industry, your agents have voluntarily given up the whole of their commission amounting to Rs. 4,848-5-8 thus reducing the loss to Rs. 2,487. 15-11 for which your directors beg to tender their best thanks to them. Deducting this Rs. 2487-15-11 from the last year's credit balance of Rs. 6,388-8-8 there remains a credit balance of Rs. 3,900-8-9 which your directors propose to carry forward to next year's account. Your mill property consisting of building machinery, stores, stock and stock in process have been insured for Rs. 6,81,500. Under clause 84 of the Articles of Association one of your directors, Mr. Vijbhucandas Atmram retires from the board but is eligible for re-election. You are requested to appoint two auditors for the next year and fix their remuneration.

Mr. Vijbhucandas Atmaram, who retired by rotation, was re-elected a director of the Company. The meeting tendered a vote of thanks to the agents for having voluntarily given up the whole of their commission. The same auditors were re-appointed and their remuneration was fixed at Rs. 100 each. A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the proceedings.

HARVEY AND SABAPATHY COMPANY.

The eighteenth general meeting of the shareholders of the Harvey and Sabapathy Company, limited, was held on Wednesday. Rao Saheb Vassonjee Tricumjee, chairman of director's presided.

The chairman moved the adoption of the report which stated that. "Owing to poor cotton crops, the directors regret, the result of working has not been satisfactory. During the season the Company pressed, including Nagpur, 24,863 bales against 38,629 bales pressed by four factories last year. The profit and loss account including the balance of Rs. 822-15-3 brought forward from last year shows credit balance of Rs. 6,417-9-7. Out of this sum your directors have transferred Rs. 4,741-14-7 to depreciation fund account leaving the balance of Rs. 1,675-11-0 to be carried forward to next year. The directors very much regret to state that Mr. Tribhowandas Jadowjee, one of their colleagues died on 13th June last. Rao Saheb Vussunjee Tricumjee has been elected in his place. Mr. H. Gill having gone to Europe, Mr. A. C. Boulton has been elected to fill up the vacancy on the Board in his absence The joint-working arrangements at Akola, Ahmednagar, and Bijapur are still in force. That at Amraoti is threatened to become null and void owing to a new press having been erected there; but we hope matters will be satisfactorily arranged soon. The directors tried to bring about a combination between the presses at Nagpur and Kamptee, but their efforts were unsuccessful owing to the other presses requiring more than equal shares. The Company's buildings, machinery and stores at the factories are insured for Rs. 103,900.

Mr. Narayan Dhondolla seconded, and it was carried. The retiring directors were reappointed, and after minor business the meeting terminated.

THE MADRAS COTTON CROP OF 1900.

SECOND REPORT.

THE following Report has just been issued by the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, Madras:—Although, subsequent to the issue of the first Report on this crop, there was during part of August last a cessation of the usual rains which somewhat retarded sowings in the Districts where Cocanadas, Northerns and Westerns are produced, the season has since proved very favourable and on the whole the area reported to have been sown up to about the third week in September this year is very considerably in excess of the normal area. There is a considerable falling off in the Kistna District, which is attributed to the deficiency of seasonable rain in Vinukonda and Palnad; whilst to the same reason is ascribed the deficiency of "Salems," sown chiefly in Coimbatore. On the other hand, favourable rains at the end of August and early in September have led to an extraordinarily large area being sown in the Deccan Districts and especially in Kurnool and Bellary. The ryots there have been led to show more cotton than usual owing to the rise in the price of cotton. The sowing season for "Tinnevellies" is only just commencing. The crops sown so far are thriving everywhere and promise well. Particulars of the areas sown, in ryotwari villages, are given below in hundreds of acres:—

Varieties	Area sown Average for Five years	Ten years	1899	1900
	Acs	Acs	Acs	Acs
Cocanadas	92,2	92,9	90,1	74,6
Nothern and Westerns	416,4	420,0	383,9	548,6
Salems	84,7	99,8	42,6	64,4
Tinnevellies	5,3	4,7	4,5	7,0
Others	5,0	4,0	4,8	4,8
Total	603,6	621,4	525,9	699,4

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

SATURDAY EVENING, Oct. 13.

2 3-4 per cent. Consols .....£98 9-16 unchanged.
3 per cent Rentes .....£99 3-4—1-4
3 1-2 per cent. Sterling Loan.....£109 1-2 unchanged.
3 1-2 per cent. Govt. Securities ...£54 7-16 plus 3-16
Bar Silver in London .....29 1-8—7-16
Do New York .....62 3-8—1 1-4
Exchange on London at Paris ...25·13 1-2—1
Do. New York .....4·83 7-8 plus 1-4
Discount, Bank of England, 4 per cent. unchanged
Do Short London Bills, 4 1-8 per cent. ,,
Do Indian Bank Bills, 4 1-4 per cent. ,,
Amount withdrawn from the Bank of England about £200,000.
Silver to Bombay.....£190,000

COTTON.—The Liverpool Cotton Market closed quiet. Sarats quiet. Manchester was quiet. Total sales 5,000 bales. Sold on speculation and for export 500 bales. Spot 6—8. Arrivals closed quiet but steady.

Oct.	Oct.-Nov.	Jan.-Feb.	April.-May	July-Aug.
5·40 unchgd.	5·27 —2-64	5·16 —3-64	5·10 —3-64	5·6 —3-64

In New York—

	Bales.
Receipts at the Ports.	66,000
Do. last year	31,000
Exports to Great Britain	31,000
Do. do Continent	16,000
Mid.-Uplands	10 7-16—1-2
Futures, month of January	9 57—20
Do. do. April	9·57—20

SEEDS—

Rapeseed, Yellow Cawnpore sellers, Apl.-May, Havre, Antwerp, Dunkirk.....45s. 9d. quiet, but steady.

Linseed, buyers, Apl.-May, Amsterdam, 52s. 3d. firm.

EXCHANGE.—The market is quiet, especially for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, the rate for Credits being quiet steady, the business done being small in the extreme.

Bank Telegraphic ready	1s. 3 29-32d.
,, Demand ,,	1s. 3 15-16d.
3 months' sight Credits Oct.	1s. 4 3-16d.
do. Francs, ready	159 3-4
Shanghai, 30 days' sight	Rs. 203
Hongkong ,,	,, 152
Japan ,,	,, 148

GOVERNMENT PAPER.—The market opened at Rs. 97-1 for Cash and Rs. 97 for this month's Settlement and declined to Rs. 96-14 for the latter at which rate we close.

STOCKS AND SHARES.—The market is quiet with few changes. Bank of Bambay Rs. 1,242 1-2, Morarji Goculdas S. and W. Co., Rs. 1,490 with a dividend of Rs. 35 per share declared. Sassoon S. W. Rs. 1,780 xd.

FREIGHTS.—The market is quiet with little doing. The Wooldbridge is reported fixed, January February, two picked ports at 18s. 9d.

COALS.—A very large line is reported in "Deshargur" and another in "Canman's Navigation," both for 1901 and 1102, but no particulars have transpired.

MUIR'S NAVIGATION.—A sale of 2,000 tons is reported for near delivery, but the rate has not been given out.

WHEAT.—The market is unchanged and Rs. 4-8-6 to Rs. 4-8-9 is quoted for White Delhi, April-May.

LINSEED.—The market is firm and business has been done at Rs. 10-15 to Rs. 11.

RAPESEED,—This market is also firm and Rs. 8-2-6 has been paid for Brown Cownpore.

CASTORSEED.—Unchanged at Rs. 40-8.

POPPYSEED.—The market is firm at Rs. 8-13 to Rs. 8-14.

COTTON.—The market is dull on account of large receipts at Liverpool and declining tendency both in New York and Liverpool prices locally having given way about Rs. 2 per candy.

Purchases have only been moderate, the Mill taking about 400 bales and Exporters 700.

	Rs.
Bengal, Fine, ready	195
Do. F. G. ready	185
Do. do. Janv.-1901	183
Broach Fine, ready	210
Do. Good, ready	200
Do. do. March, 1901	227
Khandesh ready	205
Week's receipts at U. S. Ports	344,000 bales.
Exports to Great Britain	201,000 ,,
Do. to France Continent	63,000 ,,
Stock at U. S. Ports	511,000 ,,
,, Interior Ports	280,000 ,,
Total week's sales	36,000 bales.
Sold on speculation	1,000 ,,
,, Sold for exportation	2,000 ,,
,, Amount forwarded to consumers	45,000 ,,
,, Actual Exports	6,000 ,,
,, Week's Imports	25,000 ,,
,, Stock	148,000 ,,
Surats—Week's sales	900 ,,
Sold on speculation	200 ,,
Sold for Exportation	400 ,,
Amount forwarded to consumers	1,000 ,,
Actual Exports	300 ,,
Week's Imports	2,000 ,,
Stock	13,000 ,,
Afloat American	120,000 ,,
,, Indian	10,000 ,,

Receipts of Cotton into Bombay yesterday :—

Barsi and Nuggur	714 bales
Total Comras	714 ,,
Dhollera	20 ,,
Broach	67 ,,
Compta and Dharwar	194 ,,
Westerns	130 ,,
Bengals	47 ,,
Persian	6 ,,
Egyptian	95 ,,
Total	1,273 ,,

Summary of Daily Arrivals of produce into Bombay yesterday :—

Wheat	1,465	cwts.
Linseed	764	,,
Rapeseed	893	,,
Gingellyseed	903	,,
Poppyseed	583	,,
Groundnuts	4	,,
Castorseed	1 543	,,
Rice	72,269	,,
Myrabollams	465	,,

LONDON, SATURDAY, Oct. 13.

2 3-4 per cent Consols .....£98 11-16 plus 1-8

FREIGHTS.—Cardiff to Bombay 25s.

Brown Rapeseed 42s. 6d. April-May, Amsterdam, sellers quiet.

LINSEED. — 52s. 6d. April-May, Amsterdam business done strong.

The Liverpool cotton market closed quiet. Surats dull. Manchester was quiet. Total sales 4,000 bales. Sold on speculation and for export 500 bales. Imports 1,800 bales. Spot 6d. unchanged. Arrival closed quiet. Egyptian Fair Brown 7 3-8.

Oct.	Oct.-Nov.	Jan.-Feb.	April-May	July-Aug
5·34 plus 6-64	5·19 plus 8-64	5·9 plus 7-64	5-4 plus 6-64	5 plus 6-64

SATURDAY, Oct. 13.

In New York—

Receipts at the Ports	55,000 bales.
Exports to Great Britain	29,000 ,,
,, to Continent	40,000 ,,
Mid.-Uplands	10 7-16 unchanged.
Futures month of January	9·53 plus 4
Do do April	9·52 plus 5
Total Visible Supply	1,750,000 bales.
,, of which East Indian	93,000 ,,
,, Stock in London	17,000 ,,
,, Quantity in sight	1,700,000 ,,

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY, COLABA.

Bombay, 12th October,

Means of observations taken at 6 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected 32 dez. Fah.	inches 29·385
Temperature of the Air	degrees 81·3
Wet Bulb Thermometer	73·2
Dew Point	69·8
Relative humidity of Air	0·686
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded = 10)	0·0
Maximum temperature of air (read at 8 a.m.) next day	degrees 87·2
Minimum do. do. (read at 8 a.m.)	74·1
General Directions of wind	NNE, NE, NW, NNW, N.
Movement of Wind in 24 hours	miles 183
Fall of Rain	0·00
Total fall during month	0·00
,, year	69·12
Additional fall of rain up to 10 a.m. of the 13th Oct.*	0·00

*From midnight to midnight.

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DEATH.

ALPAIWALLA—October 14, at 2 a.m., Roj Marespand, Mah Farvardin, at his residence at Wodehouse Road, Colaba, Bombay, Kaikhosro Hormasji Alpaiwalla, late Judge, Small Cause Courts, Surat and Broach.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTH.

BROWN—October 7, at the Lawn, Murree, the wife of W J Brown, Military Works Services, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

FOTHERINGHAM—ROBINSON—October 9, at St Thomas Mount, by the Rev William Scott, Chaplain, Alexander Fotheringham, Assistant Collector of Madura, to Lily, second daughter of William Robinson, of the Inland Revenue, London.

DEATHS.

McLEED—October 9, at Kot Chandpur, Fredrick Herbert, the dearly beloved son of F B MacLeod, aged 3 years, 7 months and 27 days.

O'BRIEN—October 4, at Mian Mir, of cholera, Christiana O'Brien, widow of the late John O'Brien, retired Sub-Conductor, Army Commissariat Department, and of the Royal Bengal Artillery, aged 65 years.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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THE addition of ten per cent. to the passage-money between England and Bombay brings forcibly home to us the seriousness of the crisis in the coal trade in England. Of course the unfortunate Anglo-Indian has to have a share of every misfortune which visits the earth and surely the margin of profit on a trip between London and Bombay or vice-versa is sufficient to have rendered the primage unnecessary. But it has been decided upon and all intending passengers can do is to pay and look pleasant. In order to replenish the short stocks in the English market the other day the Pittsburg and Baltimore Coal Company received an order for 75,000 tons of coal to be sent to England by way of Baltimore. The order was the first large one the company had received for export, and was regarded as the beginning of an active crusade on foreign markets. But since then we learn from New York that the anthracite coal-miners in Pennsylvania have gone on strike. A hundred and forty thousand men have struck work and America's bright prospects in foreign markets have been darkened. A coal famine in the West is believed to be inevitable. In many American cities the use of bituminous coal is prohibited by law, so that anthracite must be obtained to keep factories going. The grievances of the miners are chiefly the exorbitant charges the mining corporations exact at their stores, and the refusal of the employers to recognise the right of the men to combine. Senator Depew, who recently returned to America from a visit to Europe, referring to American coal prospects said: "With coal at less than half the price per ton for our manufacturers and transportation lines than it is in Europe, the advantages in competition in every industry are so enormously on our side as to upset every calculation based on previous conditions. The prospect is as startling in its possibilities of development and prosperity for the United States as in the anxiety it is already causing our friends across the Atlantic." In face of this the American miners, blind to their own interests, go on strike and give their "friends across the Atlantic" time to recover. Meantime we have to suffer for the sins of our brethren at home. China could supply all the world wanted if it were not so supernaturally stupid. In the Yang-tse valley and Southern China which are now disturbed and whither we are to send ten thousand more troops, there is mineral wealth beyond the world's necessities for centuries. There are practically inexhaustible supplies both of coal and iron. Whereas our own supply will be exhausted in a few generations, the Province of Shansi alone could maintain an output of two hundred million tons of coal for a thousand years or more. Yet China will not work it. Better far than annexing Manchuria or any other piece of land in Northern China by way of compensation for Chinese misdoings to missionaries would it be to obtain concessions to work the coal-fields.

THE letter headed "An Arsenal and an Argument" and signed "Vigilant," which recently appeared in the columns of a contemporary testifies, if it does nothing else, to the well-known truth that a little knowledge is a dangerous thing. Most of the arguments on which the writer of the letter in question relied in support of his objection to the removal of the arsenal from Bombay to Kirkee are based upon incomplete acquaintance with the matters to which he refers. In the first place no amount of extension practicable would afford, in the case of the Bombay arsenal, the space required for the examination of tents, parking of carriages and wagons and storage of timber and such other items which so materially affect the working of a large arsenal. Then again the writer appears to have forgotten that nothing is to be gained, but much is to be lost, by the underground storage of ordnance equipment. Even were it not so, it is impossible to take such a suggestion seriously in the case of a site where water is found a few feet below the surface, and where the air is saturated with moisture for the greater portion of the year. These conditions render the proper preservation of all stores, even under the most favourable conditions, a matter of extreme difficulty. Men who would have to work eight hours a day in such underground store-rooms as those advocated by the writer would have little cause for gratitude for the suggestion. "Vigilant" also made the statement that the cost of the new arsenal would be between forty and fifty lakhs. As a matter of fact the cost would probably be about one-fifth of this amount. The writer has also avoided any reference to the value of the site of the present Bombay arsenal, and its existing buildings, which will probably more than defray the cost of the proposed change. In the second place it appears to have been overlooked that the closing of the Gunpowder Factory at Kirkee has provided by far the greater part of the accommodation that will be required for the new arsenal. Anyone who has carefully gone over the Bombay arsenal must have remarked that its buildings are huddled together in such a way that one shuts out all air from the next. They are so close together that in some places it would be impossible to turn a limbered-up gun carriage between them. The available space for examination of tents and other stores is so inadequate as to render an effective examination almost an impossibility. Compare the Bombay arsenal with the accommodation, both as regards buildings and space available within the walled enclosure, of what was the Gunpowder Factory at Kirkee. Some idea may then be formed of the requirements of a large arsenal, and of the immensity of the advantages of the proposed change. Remembering that the majority of the buildings required are already existing, that many of them are quite suitable, that others only require modification to meet the requirements of an arsenal, and that materials for the remainder will be to a large extent available from the demolition of existing unsuitable buildings, it will be seen how much more near the mark is our estimate. The writer has, as we said, omitted any reference to the value of the site of the Bombay arsenal and of the existing buildings which will probably more than counterbalance the cost of the proposed change. The amount of rail freight on which so much stress is laid will for the most part be only a "book" transaction now that the G. I. P. Railway has been taken over by the State.

There need be no fear that labour will be either scarcer or more expensive at Kirkee than it is at Bombay, where it is notoriously both scarce and costly owing to the daily increasing demand for it, though it is a well established fact that as regards native labour in India the supply has followed the demand. A large arsenal is only dependent to a very limited extent on the outside market for manufactured articles, as its requirements are largely limited to raw materials; and with Kirkee linked up as it is with all parts of India by rail and just as close, if not closer, to most of them than Bombay, there is no reason whatever to suppose that the price of most raw materials will be greater at Kirkee than at Bombay. With the Small Arms Ammunition Factory actually alongside the Arsenal and the Gun Carriage Factory removed from Bombay to Jabalpur, a saving, instead of a loss, will be the natural consequence of the removal of the arsenal to Kirkee as far as the outturn of these factories is concerned. As regards the "expedition aspect" of the case the writer is either unaware of, or has overlooked the fact that the day has long gone by since troops moved to ports of embarkation empty-handed. Now that all troops on mobilisation are fully equipped before leaving their stations the strain of supply falls far more upon up-country and inland arsenals than it can possibly do upon seaboard ones. As a matter of fact, and facts are stubborn things, the issue of stores from the Bombay arsenal on account of the expeditions referred to were wholly insignificant in comparison with what was brought from the arsenals at Rawalpindi, Ferozepore and Allahabad. The arguments of the writer of the letter in question would have had some weight had he been dealing with the question of the supply of commissariat rather than of ordnance stores. The Navy have no longer any interest in the question as they have occupied for some years past a building adjoining the dockyard. When the naval magazines now under construction at Butcher's Island are completed they will be wholly independent of the Bombay Arsenal. The writer has also apparently overlooked the fact that the fitting out of transports is a matter with which the Ordnance Department has absolutely no concern—the work being done by the Royal Indian Marine, who will in all probability gain largely in accommodation and consequently in convenience and efficiency by the proposed removal of the arsenal from Bombay. Lord Curzon is quite capable of weighing the arguments in this matter and will doubtless give due weight to the opinions of the high military authorities who have in the past advocated the removal of the arsenal from Bombay to Poona.

THE stars in their courses fight against us. According to a Native astrologer, who writes to the "Madras Mail," that is the sole cause of the troubles in South Africa and China, and for the same reason we may not expect the absolute end of them until the middle of next year. We are told that England will not be at peace with the world until the end of May or the beginning of June next and the closing months of the present year and the opening months of 1901 will be a trying time for us. It is not for nothing that England is typified as "John Bull." The zodiacal sign representing Britain is Taurus, and it was a fortunate conjunction that when her Majesty was born Taurus was in the ascendant and the sun and moon both occupied the same sign. So that when Taurus is powerful and is happily associated things go well with England and the reverse is the case when "John Bull's" particular zodiacal sign is in ill company. The South African war was not, it appears, due to Mr. Kruger or Mr. Chamberlain, but to the fact that Taurus took up with bad associates. This happened about the 28th October and the 14th November, 1899, when Ketu or the descending node of the moon's orbit came into the sign of Taurus and Rahu, or the ascending node, occupied the seventh sign from it. Saturn entered Sagittarius, the eighth sign from Taurus, and Jupiter entered the seventh house on the 20th November last year, which saved the nation from greater humiliations than were experienced. Mars was also then in the seventh house, having entered Scorpio on the 23rd October—"and all these combinations resulted in the war in South Africa." The close of the war is affected by the position of Mars. When it broke out he, along with several other planets, were gathered at Scorpio, the assembly apparently being opposed to peace. Mars, however, had a fit of depression when he entered Cancer about the 13th September last, and since then the Boers have been throwing up the sponge. Mars has to stay in Cancer till the 5th November and reaches his lowest depression about the 1st of that month. We are warned to look for the last open act of war by the Boers about that time, and thereafter as Mars will have changed his quarters to the friendly sign of Leo, the country will gradually settle down. Jupiter, however, will continue in bad company for a little while longer, and therefore the pacification of the late Republics will occupy us till the 15th December. So far as China is concerned the Empire of the "Son of Heaven" is appropriately governed by the sun, and the constellations Aswini and Bharani, which are in Aries, these being assisted by Cancer. The latter, as we have seen from the conjunctions previously explained, is at present entertaining the sick warrior Mars and is in consequence scarcely happy. The troubles in China will thus not be over until after the 6th November when Mars moves on for the benefit of his health to Leo. On the 16th instant the sun enters Libra, a state of depression for him, and he remains there for a month; Aries at the same time will continue to be badly associated, until the 15th December when Jupiter passes on into the ninth house from it. All these things make for terrestrial discord in China. But still there is a strong conjunction of planets in Cancer favourable to China and the Celestial Empire will not be dismembered on this occasion. We have a positive declaration that all the trouble in the country will be over and the foreign troops withdrawn by the 15th December next, when Jupiter passes on to Sagittarius. "But there will be much trouble in China between the 16th October and 6th November, and about the 28th October, when the sun is in his lowest depression, we can look out for a great calamity for China, short of dismemberment." Those are dates near enough to remember in order to test the veracity of the prophet and it is somewhat remarkable that recent telegrams stated that a general uprising in Southern China is projected for November. Our Queen's life according to the same astrologer depends on Mercury and we gather that if in consideration of the death of the late Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha and the loss of British lives in South Africa Mercury stays his hand at the end of his "dasa" which arrives at the close of 1903, her Majesty will live until 1911. The latter date, it is interesting to note has been previously predicted by a Dindigul astrologer, and permits her Majesty to attain the age of 92, and after the wonderful changes of the nineteenth to witness the events of the first decade of the twentieth century.

THE most notable of to-day's returns to Parliament is Sir William Harcourt, Mr. Gladstone's Solicitor-General and Chancellor of the Exchequer, who goes back with a greatly reduced majority. West Monmouth is one of the strongest of Liberal strongholds. In 1885 it gave the Liberal candidate a majority of 5,389, in 1892 5,319, and in 1895 Sir William won by 5,287. To-day's majority is almost two thousand less, being stated at 3,375. But Reuter says that the most striking feature of the election has been the growth of Conservatism and the fact that the total Unionist poll has increased by 82,000 as compared with a Liberal increase of 9,000, circumstances which may lead to an early redistribution of seats with a view to giving these thousands a better opportunity of making themselves heard. Although the Conservatives have thus increased by nine to one as compared with their opponents they have only secured three additional seats, a trifling result of such an enormous effort. With Sir William another prominent Liberal returned is the Right Hon. J. W. Mellor, whose lack of success as a Chairman of Committees under Mr. Gladstone's administration was balanced by his unqualified amiability. Mr. Munro-Ferguson, Lord Dufferin's son-in-law, and late private secretary to Lord Rosebery, has again been chosen by the Leith Burghs, and another newly elected member of interest to this country is Major Wyndham Quin, a prominent member of Lord Wenlock's staff when he was Governor of Madras. In South-East Durham the Hon. F. W. Lambton gains a seat for the Conservatives. He tried for it but, unsuccessfully, at the bye-election in 1898 occasioned by the death of Sir Henry Havelock-Allan on the North-West frontier. On that occasion Alderman Joseph Richardson, a local Liberal, won by 175 votes. Sir John Austin who has been returned as an Independent Imperialist has shown a good deal of independence on previous occasions. He won last election as a Liberal with a majority of 1,065. He was Sir John Ramsden's chairman in Osgoldcross before the latter declared himself Unionist, when he fought and defeated him. Sir John is not a youth by any means, being now in his seventy-seventh year. Gainsborough which the Conservatives have gained was won in 1895 by 776 votes by Mr. Bainbridge, (L.) The seat for Spalding won by Mr. H. F. Pollock, (U.) by 349 has now been carried by Mr. Mansfield (L.); Skipton was won by Mr. Morrison last election by 139 and Invernessshire was won by a Conservative by 100 votes. The latest figures give 398 Unionists, 178 Liberals and 80 Nationalists in the new Parliament, leaving fourteen elections still to be decided.

THE Viceroy will hold two levees in Calcutta, as last year. The first one will be on December 21st, the second on January 3rd. A drawing room will be held on December 28th

HER MAJESTY'S Torpedo Catcher Assaye, Lieut. Commander D. Coates, arrived in harbour on Saturday from Karachi, having left that port on the 10th instant. During the voyage she experienced fine weather, smooth sea and light north-westerly winds.

MAJOR H. S. P. DAVIES took over charge of the Excise Commissionership, Punjab, on the 9th instant.

THE cholera returns for cantonments on the 11th instant showed only one case in the 23rd Pioneers at Mian-Mir.

CAPTAIN H. Tweddell, 4th P. A V, Rajputs, left Agra on Tuesday night for Calcutta, "en route" to China as special service officer.

MAJOR-GENERAL TURNER, Director-General, Military Works, will leave Simla on November 2nd on tour to Quetta, returning to Simla on November 19th.

COLONEL DAVIS, Indian Medical Service, is appointed Principal Medical Officer, British Contingent, China Expeditionary Forces, vice Colonel Bookey, invalided.

THURSDAY'S vital statistics for Calcutta showed a total mortality of 92. There were four fresh cases of plague recorded, and the same number of deaths from that cause.

MR. F. S. P. LELY acknowledges an additional subscription to H. E. the Governor's General Cattle Preservation Fund from Mr. Nowroji Pestanji Vakil, C. I. E., of Rs. 500.

THE first transport Zamania, which has been chartered for the conveyance of troops to England, will leave Bombay on the 20th instant, with the invalids and time expired men.

THE services of Major Dunlop Smith, Punjab Commission, have been applied for in connection with the commission to consider matters bearing on horse and mule breeding and army remounts.

THE cholera returns for the 10th instant are:—Secunderabad 4th Hussars, five cases and one death; Bellary, 1st Madras Lancers, one case and one death; Sialkote, 31st Punjab Infantry, one death.

THE total traffic earnings of the Eastern Bengal State Railway for the week ending 29th September amounted to Rs. 3,87,350, against Rs. 4,56,491, the total earnings for the corresponding week of the previous year.

THE latest news from the Tochi Valley states that the punitive measures against the Madda Khel are completed. All defensive works have been destroyed and practically all the crops cut. The tribesmen made no opposition whatever.

THE Madras Government has prohibited all Khonds residing in the Goomsur taluq and all Khonds, Savaras and Panos residing in the Agency tracts of the Ganjam District from emigrating from the said taluq and tracts, respectively, to any labour District.

THE troops concentrated at Datta Khel, Tochi Valley, under Brigadier-General Hill, for the punishment of the Madda Khel, consist of No. 2, Derajat Mountain Battery, the 2nd Sikhs, the 5th and 27th Punjab Infantry, and No. 1 Company, Bengal Sappers and Miners.

SUCH selected British Infantry Regiments in India as have begun the new practical course of musketry are working hard to secure success. The non-commissioned officers and men already show the keenest interest in the course, which facilitates the instructional work of their officers.

THERE were 69 new cases and 38 deaths from cholera in Jammu Province from 30th September to 6th October. In Kashmir, excluding Srinagar, the total number of cases to the 7th October were 4,017 and deaths 2,157. In Srinagar there were 1,645 cases and 821 deaths within the same period.

THE Famine figures for the week ending the 6th instant show a decrease of 466,100, made up principally as follows: Central Provinces, 225,500; Bombay 114,500; Hyerabad, 28,400; the Punjab, Berar, and Ajmere-Merwara, each almost 17,000. There now remain 642,600 people on works, and 1,65,100 on gratuitous relief.

FROM Muktesaar the Lieutenant-Governor intends to march to Moradabad where he will arrive on the 5th November, and inspect the new Police training school. The following day he will inspect the Thomason College at Rurki. A visit will be paid to Aligarh on the 7th and to Agra on the 8th and 9th. His Honour arrives at Allahabad on the 10th, and after a week's stay will move to Lucknow.

THE All India Christian Endeavour Convention opened on Saturday morning at Bangalore, and was very largely attended by delegates from all parts of India, including Calcutta, Allahabad, Bombay, the Central Provinces, Orissa, and about a dozen station in Southern India. The day's proceedings consisted mainly of the reading of an address welcoming the delegates. The chair was taken by the Rev. Bandy (Allahabad).

THE Secretary of State has approved of the reorganisation of the Ordnance Department in India by the substitution of two circles of supply for the four existing circles. These two circles—designated the Northern and Southern circles—will have their headquarters at Rawalpindi and Poona respectively. Each will have one Inspector-General on the same pay as at present, one Deputy Inspector-General on a staff allowance of Rs. 700 a month, and one Assistant Inspector-General on the same pay as at present, besides clerical and menial establishments according to a fixed scale.

TELEGRAPHIC advices dated Hongkong, 12th inst., state that during the preceding fortnight the sales of Indian yarns amounted to four thousand bales, while at Shanghi during the same period two thousand and fifty bales were sold: the rate of exchange at the former port was quoted at Rs. 155 1-2 per dols. 100, while at the latter place the rate was Rs. 216 1-2 per 100 taels. The price of new Malva opium was quoted at 800 dols. per chest, for old stuff 850 dols, and for very old 890 dols, while at Shanghai new Malwa opium was priced 625 taels per chest, old 645 and very old 660 taels.

A NATIVE subordinate recently submitted the following application to his chief:—"I have taken leave for 10 days to see my side grandmother. While I was there swelling appeared in my body with heaviness in hart. While I was trying to extend my leave I received a letter stating that my wife is very much sufering from disenting and thereby a cooling sensation is caused in the legs and hands of her body soon after. Now my household difficulties are very undescribable. Therefore I most humbly beg to grant one month's leave till the recovery of my wife's cooling sensation and my health."

IN his fortnightly narrative on the state of the season in the Cuddapah Sub-Division for the period ending the 27th August, Mr. J. J. Cotton, the Sub-Collector, writes as follows about the condition of the people in some of the places he had visited:—"Devadari leaves aloe roots are being still eaten by all poorer classes. I met a detachment of Ellutla folk who had been to Gurramkonda to collect aloe roots. At Mudivedu, in Madanapalle taluq, I saw the village washerman eating an amount of Devadari leaves equal to twice the quantum of rice he had obtained from villagers for his services."

TWENTY-FIVE elephants were captured in the Madras Presidency during the year ending the 30th June last, which is the largest catch on record. Of these, six died, and of the 25 captures, 18 were in North Malabar. All the five elephants captured in South Coimbatore died, owing, it is said, to the extreme heat and want of suitable fodder consequent on the prolonged drought on the Anamalais. Besides elephants, 23 bison, 1 pig, 1 bear, 19 sambhur, 1 tiger and 1 wild sheep also fell into the pits. Of these, 8 died or were shot, while the rest either escaped or were released. One of the men engaged in shooting the bear accidentally fell into the pit, and was so badly mauled that he died soon afterwards.

WE regret to hear from Tonk of the death of Sahibzada Sir Obeidullah Khan, K.C.I.E, C. S. I., uncle of the Nawab and Minister of the State, whose affairs he has directed for many years. He was in many ways a character of note, a man of a fine presence and of liberal ideas, who was in sympathy with progress and advancement of every description. He did much for the State and was in turn affectionately regarded by the people. He was made a C. S. I. in 1879, and was engaged with preparations for a durbar for his installation with the Knighthood of the Indian Empire when he was taken with fatal illness. His son Sahibzada Mahomed Ahin Khan was trained for public affairs by a Deputy Collectorship, since which he has held several posts in the State Service.

THE following press communique was issued at Simla on Thursday:—"The Secretary of State for India has completed the further purchase of £1,000,000 of silver for coinage into rupees. To recoup the amount spent by the Secretary of State in the purchase, gold is being shipped to London, £500,000 worth was sent in the steamer of October 6th, and £500,000 will be shipped in that of October 20th. The silver purchased takes the place of the gold in the Currency Reserve as security for Currency Notes under the recently passed Act 8 of 1900. The total amount of silver purchased since the coinage of rupees recommenced in February last now amounts to £2,900,000 worth purchased in England, and about £800,000 worth purchased in India. When the coinage of the last purchases is completed the addition to the stock of rupees made since February of this year will amount to about 8 1-2 crores."

MANUFACTURERS are not looking very cheery in Assam just at present, and we gather, from the annual Administration report that the earthquake has given them a rather bad shaking. Of course carpenters and potters remain, but it is not their crude work that is referred to. Of workers in gold and silver there is now but a small sprinkling. The only manufacture that is continued on any thing like a scale and is popular among the people is bell metal. But the main centre of this industry was sunk below ground level by the earthquake, and is now under water the greater part of the year. The earthquake also killed the trees, which bore the leaves, which spun thread, which the Assamese weave into the well known *er* and *muga* cloth. These cloths are greatly prized in Bengal, as well as further afield, on account of their many-sided usefulness and their durability. It may, therefore, be hoped that the check from the earthquake is but temporary, and that these fabrics are not likely to be supplanted by foreign-made and cheaper goods.

TELEGRAMS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE CRISIS IN CHINA.

THE UNREST IN CHINA.

INSPECTION BY COUNT WALDERSEE.

THE PAO-TING-FU EXPEDITION.

LONDON, OCT. 13.

The 22nd Bombay Infantry and details under the command of Major Kettlewell go to the Kowloon Hinterland.

Count Waldersee yesterday inspected the British Pao-ting-fu contingent at Tientsin and complimented them on their splendid appearance.

OCT. 14.

The Pao-ting-fu expedition left Tientsin on the 12th in two columns. The foreigners go direct and the British make a detour to clear the Boxer villages.

The following officers are under orders to join the China Expeditionary Force at once:—Captain Baltine, 15th Hussars, as Field Intelligence Officer; Captain Tweddell, 4th Bengal Infantry, and Captain A. E. Dick, 2nd Punjab Cavalry, as Special Service Officers.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

GENERAL BULLER GOES HOME.

ASIATIC LABOUR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

AFFAIRS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

LONDON, OCT. 13.

It is confirmed that General Buller is homeward bound.

LONDON, OCT. 13.

The Congress of the South African League has unanimously declared against the introduction of Asiatic labour in South Africa.

Mr. Cecil Rhodes said, the idea of employing Chinese in Rhodesia has been abandoned.

[Mr. Rhodes, in reply to Dr. Rutherfoord Harris, who cabled to him for a denial of the rumour that the Chartered Company were about to introduce Chinese labourers into Rhodesia wired:—"I have already told all the Chambers here that I am against the importation of Chinese labour." We are bound to recall that on December 15 last Earl Grey, the vice-president, in a speech to the shareholders, said: "I may add that the directors are already making inquiries on their own account as to the possibility of obtaining Asiatic labour"; while Mr. Wilson Fox, the manager, on August 9, according to the "Financial News" report, said that "The Chartered Company had had an ordinance framed, based upon the laws in force in other countries where Asiatic labour was imported."]

LONDON, OCT. 14.

Sir A. Milner has gone to Pretoria where Lord Roberts is also.

De Wet's men continue scattered in the neighbourhood of the Vaal River and many are deserting.

Skirmishes have taken place near Middleburg, Nelspruit and Petersburg.

The persistency of the Boers in interfering with the railways and telegraphs is remarkable, as the attempts are invariably followed by severe punishment.

Captain Wiltshire and another officer have been killed while scouting near Lindley.

De Wet has issued a Proclamation that all Burghers refusing to fight will be made prisoners of war.

CRITICAL STATE OF THE EMPRESS FREDERICK.

LONDON, OCT. 13.

The Empress Frederick is in a critical condition and the Emperor and Empress of Germany have cancelled all engagements.

THE SHAH OF PERSIA.

The Shah has left Budapest for Persia.

PLAGUE IN MADAGASCAR.

The plague has appeared at Tamatave.

RUSSIA AND THIBET.

The Tsar is at Livadia and has received a mission from the Lama of Thibet.

THE MAILS.

LONDON, OCT. 12.

The Bombay mails of the 29th ultimo arrived at Brindisi yesterday.

THE PASTEUR INSTITUTE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, OCT. 13.

The Pasteur Institute at Kasauli continues to make excellent progress. Up to the 11th instant there had been sixty-seven admissions, namely, seven British officers, one Native officer, twenty-two British soldiers, four native children; eleven European and twenty-two native soldiers' children. Of these nineteen were under treatment on the 11th instant. Amongst the recent arrivals are five natives from the Cooch Behar State, all bitten by a jackal, one of them on the face, whose recovery will be a valuable test of the efficiency of the treatment. The others under treatment include a lady school-mistress from Allahabad, two native and four European children, a Hindoo student from Bareilly and a high class Brahmin baboo from Dacca. The other natives have included both Hindoos and Mahomedans. On the 10th instant there arrived a Gurkha patient from the 2nd Gurka Rifles at Dehra Dun. Amongst those who have undergone the treatment have been two officers of the Indian Medical Service, also a medical missionary from Saharanpore. The reaction of the treatment has been entirely normal in each case, and in his last report to the Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of India, Major Simple expresses the expectation that before long native patients will come in even in greater numbers than at present. The Bishop of Calcutta visits the institution on his way from Simla next Monday.

CHOLERA IN CANTONMENTS.

The 4th Hussars at Secunderabad to-day reports three seizures and one death from cholera.

LORD CURZON AND THE FOREIGN OFFICE.

CALCUTTA, OCT. 13.

The "Englishman" publishes the following special cablegram:—It is rumoured in inner political circles that Lord Curzon will be asked to exchange the Viceroyalty of India for the Foreign Office, but there will, it is feared, be great difficulty in securing a suitable successor to him in India.

FOOTBALL AT POONA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, OCT. 14.

The semi-final match yesterday between the Royal Scots and Artillery from Kirkee ended in the defeat of the Gunners, who scarcely, at any period of the game, made anything of a stand. This breakdown is attributed to want of preparation and the recent illness of a few members of the team. The game was slow, dull and uninteresting in the extreme. The Scots played well, were quick in passing the ball along the line and in taking advantage of the many opportunities which were given them by their opponents. They struck home and secured two goals during the first half. In the second half they simply had it all their own way and were perpetually hanging around and about the Artillery goal, whose keeper was unable to keep the ball away. In this manner the Scots kept making goal after goal till they had won the match by six goals to love.

The final now lies between the Royal Scots and the Shropshires and will be played on Tuesday next.

CRICKET: PUNTHAKEY'S TEAM VS. PATIALA.

A correspondent wires, dated Patiala, October 14:—The match between Punthakey's team and Patiala was played on Saturday and to-day. The Maharajah won the toss and Patiala scored 137 runs, Mistry contributing 16 and the Maharajah of Patiala 21. The Parsees next went in and scored 81 runs, Colabawala scoring 17, Patel, retired hurt, 14, Raja (jr.) 13, and Raja (sr.) 12. Patiala scored 131 runs in their second innings. Tarachund played a brilliant game and scored 38, Kutten 14, and Manzoor 19. The Parsees next went in, who required 188 runs to win the game. At call of time four wickets were down for 18 runs. Play will be resumed to-morrow. Umpires—Tapia and Raghbir.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

SUEZ, OCT. 12.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Ogilvy arrived here from Colombo, Madras and Calcutta, this morning.

The Austrian Lloyd's s.s. Habsburg from Trieste, left Aden for Bombay on the morning of the 13th instant, and is expected to arrive here on the 18th instant.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, OCT. 12.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed quiet.
Surats quiet.
Good Bhownugger 4 24-32.
The Manchester Market has been quiet.
2 3-4 per cent. Consols 98 9-16
3 per cent. Rentes 99 3-4
3 1-2 per cent. Sterling Loan 109 1-2
3 1-2 per cent. Rupee papers 94 7-16
Bar Silver 29 1-8
The sum about £200,000 has been withdrawn from the Bank of England.

THE GOVERNOR'S LEVEES.

The following rules for Levees held by His Excellency the Governor of Bombay were published in a "Government Gazette" extraordinary on Saturday:—

I. The following are entitled to attend His Excellency the Governor's Levee: All gentlemen, whether European or Native, who have been presented at the Court of St. James or at the Viceregal Court or have attended a previous Levee of His Excellency the Governor.

II. The following are eligible for first presentation at His Excellency's Levee, whether European or Native:

(a) Gazetted officers in Government employ.
(b) Commissioned Officers (including retired Officers) in Naval, Military and Marine Services.
(c) Ruling Chiefs.
(d) Consuls-General, Consuls and Vice-Consuls.
(e) First and Second-Class Sardars of the Deccan.
(f) Additional Members of the Legislative Council in India.
(g) Fellows of a British or Indian University, Principals and Professors of Colleges recognized by Government and persons who have obtained the degree of Doctor of Laws or of Medicine or of Master of Civil Engineering.
(h) Justices of the Peace, Barristers-at-Law, and Honorary Magistrates of the First Class.
(i) Presidents and Members of the Municipal Corporations of Presidency Towns.
(j) Gentlemen who have received titles of honour from the British Government.
(k) Such other gentlemen as may be declared to be eligible on account of their social status.

III. Gentlemen who have not already been presented at the Court of St. James or at the Viceregal Court or have not attended a previous Levee of His Excellency the Governor and who desire to be presented at a Levee, must submit their applications to the Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor at least a fortnight before the date announced for the Levee. The names will then be submitted to His Excellency, and if approved, written intimations granting permissions to attend the Levee will be forwarded to the applicants by the Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor.

IV. Gentlemen entitled to wear uniform will appear in Full Dress.

V. Clergymen, being University Graduates, and other gentlemen entitled to wear robes or gowns on account of Judicial or Academical office or status and not entitled to wear uniform will appear in such robes or gowns, with the other dress laid down in these rules.

VI. European gentlemen not entitled to wear uniform, robes or gowns will appear in Morning Dress.

VII. Native gentlemen who ordinarily wear European dress are expected to come in European Morning Dress, and may, if they choose, retain their Native head-dress.

VIII. The following is the dress prescribed for Native gentlemen who do not wear European dress:—

(a) Hindus.

Black broadcloth coat (dagla or angarkha) or white angarkha or jama-pichhodi and white or coloured trousers (The dhoti may be worn instead of trousers only with the permission (to be previously obtained) of the Military Secretary) with shela, uparana or other white scarf; for head-dress pagri, pagoten, rumal or other recognised head-dress, but not a brimless cap.

(b) Mussalmans.

Black broadcloth jubba, jama, choga, or other robe worn over a saya, kuba or dagla or black broadcloth sherwani, and white or coloured trousers; head-dress, turban or fez, but not a brimless cap.

(c) Parsis.

Jama-pichhodi, saya or black broadcloth coat (dagla), and white or coloured trousers, with pagri or pheata, but not a brimless cap as head-dress.

(d) Others.

The dress worn on high ceremonial occasions.

All Native gentlemen either must wear boots or shoes of European pattern of black polished or patent leather, or must leave their native shoes outside.

MILITARY NEWS.

It seems to be settled that the 1st Gloucestershire Regiment, on their return to India when they are released from keeping guard over the Boer prisoners in Ceylon, will be posted to Rawalpindi. The 1st Northamptonshire, which took their place at Allahabad a year ago when they sailed for Natal, will probably be moved back to Fyzabad; and the 1st Royal Scots Fusiliers from Peshawur will come down to Allahabad.

The following appointments have been made;—12th Bengal Infantry.—Lieutenant Baddeley from the North Stafford Regiment, to be Double Company Officer. 2-2nd Gurkhas.—Lieutenant Sweet, from the 1st Battalion, to be Officiating Double Company Commander. 2-4th Gurkhas.—Lieutenant Sealy to be Adjutant. 6th Bombay Cavalry.—Lieutenant Binny, from the Bedford Regiment, to be Officiating Squadron Officer. 20th Bombay Infantry.—Lieutenant Macpherson from the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry to be Officiating Double Company Officer. 45th Sikhs.—Lieutenant Hutchinson, from the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, to be Officiating Double Company Officer.

A new building has been sanctioned for the storage of mobilisation stores of a British Cavalry Regiment at Meerut, at an estimated cost of Rs. 2,032.

The Government of India have sanctioned the transfer from the Punjab P. W. D. to the Military Works Department of the services of all public military buildings and roads in Jhelum cantonment, which are at present maintained from Imperial and Cantonment funds, with effect from the 1st April 1901.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE GENERAL ELECTION.

LATEST RETURNS.

LONDON, OCT. 13.

The members for the following places have been re-elected:—

Leith, Chippenham, Louth, Berwickshire, Chesterton, Luton, Droitwich, Prestwich, Argyllshire, Cardiganshire, Haddingtonshire, Montgomeryshire, Glamorganshire, East and South.

The following have been elected:—Wason (Liberal), for Clackmannan, Caine (Liberal), Camborne; Lieutenant Lowther (Unionist), Eskdale; Grant (Liberal), Rugby; Morgan (Unionist), Walthamstow; Thomas (Liberal), Gower; Spear (Unionist), Tavistock; Lambton (Unionist), South-East Durham; White (Liberal), North-West Norfolk; Allen (Liberal), Stroud.

The latest returns show that 383 Unionists and 166 Liberals have been elected.

The Ministerialists have gained 34 and the Opposition 31.

LONDON, OCT. 13.

Sir W. V. Harcourt has been re-elected for West Monmouthshire by a majority of 3,375 votes.

The most striking features of the elections are the growth of Conservatism in Scotland and in the English boroughs.

Though the Unionist gain in the latter, excluding London, is only three seats, the total Unionist poll in the Boroughs has increased by 82,000 as compared with the Liberal increase of 9,000.

Another feature is the steadfastness of the Nationalist vote in Ireland.

LONDON, OCT. 14.

The members for the following places have been re-elected, viz., for Newmarket, Derbyshire (Mid), Dorset (South), Houghton, Norfolk (South-West), Hexham, Somerset (North), Leek, Chertsey, Rye, Ayrshire (South), Elgin District, Kilmarnock, Ross and Cromarty, Stirlingshire, Armagh (North), Down (North).

Sir J. Austin standing as an Independent Imperialist has been re-elected for Osgoldcross, defeating Rutherford (Liberal).

The following have been elected:—Gore (Conservative), Gainsborough; Mansfield (Liberal), Spalding; Lucas (Conservative), Lowestoft; White (Liberal), Buckrose, Thomson (Liberal), Skipton; Hope (Liberal), Fifeshire (West); Grenfell (Conservative), Wycombe; Dewar (Liberal), Inverness-shire.

The latest returns show that 398 Unionists, 178 Liberals and 80 Nationalists have been elected.

The Unionists have gained Gainsborough, and the Liberals have gained Spalding, Skipton and Inverness-shire.

The Liberals have gained Crewe where Ward (Conservative) has been defeated by Tomkinson (Liberal).

LATEST RESULTS.

ARGYLLSHIRE, Mr D Ninian Nicol (C).
1895—Nicol (C) 3,970
Sir D Macfarlane (L) 3,835

ARMAGH (North), Colonel E J Saunderson (C); unopposed in 1895.

AYRSHIRE (South), Sir W Arroll (C).
1895—Arroll (C) 6,875
E Watson (L) 3,125

BERWICKSHIRE, Mr H J Tennant (L).
1895—Tennant (L) 2,673
C Balfour (C) 2,166

BEDFORDSHIRE (Luton), Mr T G Ashton (L).
1895—Ashton (L) 5,430
Col Duke (C) 5,244

BUCKS (Wycombe), Mr Grenfell (C).
1895—Viscount Curzon (C); unopposed.
On Viscount Curzon being appointed Treasurer of the Household, he was Feb. 21st, 1899, re-elected unopposed.

CAMBRIDGE (Chesterton), Mr W R Grene (C).
1895—Greene (C) 4,432
H Hoare (L) 4,012

CAMBS (Newmarket), Captain H L McCalmont (C).
1895—McCalmont (C) 4,210
Sir G Newnes (L) 3,857

CARDIGAN, Mr M V Davies (L).
1895—Davies (L) 4,927
J Harford (C) 3,748

CHESHIRE (Crewe), Mr Tomkinson (L). Liberal gain.
1895—Hon A Ward (C) 5,413
W M'Laren 4,833

CLACKMANNAN, Mr Wason (L).
1895—J Balfour (L) 3,133
G Younger (C) 2,588

CORNWALL (Camborne), Mr Caine (L). Liberal gain.
1895—A Strauss (C) 3,166
C Conybeare (L) 2,704

CUMBERLAND (Eskdale), Lieutenant Lowther (C), Conservative gain.
1895—R Allison (L) 3,745
H Howard (C) 3,598

DERBYSHIRE (Mid), Mr J A Jacoby (L).
1895—Jacoby (L) 4,926
W C Bridgeman (C) 4,351

DEVON (Tavistock), Mr Spear (C). Conservative gain.
1895—H Luttrell (L) 4,970
Col Thomson (C) 4,597

DOWN (North), Mr J B Houston (C).
1895—Colonel Waring (C), unopposed.
On the death of Colonel Waring (polling September 7th, 1898)—
J Blakiston Houston (C) 3,381
T L Corbett (C) 3,107

DORSET (South), Mr W E Brymer (C); unopposed in 1895.

DURHAM (South-East), Hon F W Lambton (C). Conservative gain.
1895—Gen Sir H Havelock Allan (L U) 5,978
J G Richardson (L) 5,834
On the death of Sir H Havelock Allan (polling Feb 3rd, 1898)—
Joseph Richardson (L) 6,236
Hon F W Lambton (C) 6,011

DURHAM (Houghton-le-Spring), Mr R Cameron (L).
1895—R Cameron (L) 6,592
V Corbett (C) 5,711

ELGIN, Mr A Asher (L).
1895—Asher (L) 1,853
C Gordon (L) 1,161

ESSEX (Walthamstow), Mr Morgan (C), Conservative gain.
1895—E W Byrne, Q C (C) 6,873
A J H Pollen (L) 4,523
On Mr Byrne being appointed one of the justices of the High Court (polling Feb 3rd, 1897)—
Samuel Woods (L) 6,518
Thomas R Dewar (C) 6,239

FIFESHIRE (West), Mr Hope (L).
1895—A Birrell (L) 4,719
R G Wemyss (C) 2,935

GLAMORGANSHIRE (Gower), Mr Thomas (L).
1895—D Randell (L) 6,074
C H Glascodine (C) 2,253

GLAMORGAN (South), Major W. Wyndham-Quinn (C).
1895—Quinn (C) 5,747
A Williams (L) 4,922

GLAMORGAN (East), Mr A Thomas (L).
1895—A Thomas (L) 6,055
C Jackson (C) 3,909

GLOUCESTER (Stroud), Mr C P Allen (L). Liberal gain.
1895—C A Cripps (C) 5,175
C P Allen (L) 4,514

HADDINGTON, Mr R B Haldane (L).
1895—Haldane (L) 2,774
Master of Polworth (C) 2,194

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THE SIMLA SEASON.

A BIT OF OLD CHELSEA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, OCT. 11.

The latest presentation by the Amateur Dramatic Company "A Bit of Old Chelsea," has roused more than usual interest and discussion here. Simla is always ready to make a topic of the play of the moment; indeed while it is in progress one seldom hears anything else discussed. If one wishes to be considered an intelligent member of society therefore it is better to take all risks and go to the play. Nothing is more disconcerting or more deadening to the ready flow of comment, the criticism that is waiting to come bubbling out, than the unexpected statement "I have not seen it." Everybody else has seen it, many people have seen it several times. Laboriously you direct the conversation into other channels, but a sub-consciousness tells you that you are at fault; you ought to have seen it, or abstain from attempting social intercourse while it is the theme of the moment.

Well Simla is very busy about "A Bit of Old Chelsea." It consists of one act only, a mere "lever de rideau," but it is in the nature of a novelty; it belongs to a genre common enough in these modern days at home, but not often offered to small publics like that of Simla, so far and so long remote from centres of original effort as to become of necessity provincial in their tastes and narrow in their ideas. To meet this exigency it may be said at once that "A Bit of Old Chelsea" has suffered emendation. The situation of course remains the same and the whole thing is a mere situation; but one or two things in the dialogue that sharpened the point of it have been taken out. There is practically no action. The curtain rises upon Mr. Jack St. Hillier, Sculptor (Captain Finlay), sitting on the floor of his studio, destroying old love-letters, photographs and similar relics of what appears to have been the life of a roue, but a roue of platonic impulses and remorseful reflections. Mr. St. Hillier is about to be married, hence the sacrifice. Enter Phil (Captain Barnes), another artist from an adjoining room. Pipe, pointed beard. Ensues conversation about the sex, quizzical comment from Phil, who is a chaffing animal. Phil departs to rejoin his friends, having vainly requested Jack to come with him and make a night of it. Holocaust continues, Jack solitary. From the window he sees the prostrate figure of a woman in the street. After debating what to do he yields to his better-or-worse-impulse to succour her. Enter "Saucers" (Mrs. Trevor Tyler), a flower-girl, in a state of semi-collapse. Jack gives her coffee and makes her comfortable. She is young, pretty and very very innocent. She wishes to spend the night in his room, the last bus has gone to her part of the world. He objects, protests, finally consents on the condition that he goes himself, a proposal which might have occurred to him earlier, but he is, after all, Jack St. Hillier with a past. But she won't let him go, the plaster "castaway" off right her. He tears his hair, but in the end bestows her in his bachelor bed in an alcove in the wall, reached by a flight of steps. He makes himself comfortable on the sofa. Re-enter Phil, slightly intoxicated, to borrow whiskey. Phil, with an easy instinct, suspects a situation. Detects, with vast joy, the hat of "Saucers," forgotten on the floor. (She herself is concealed behind the curtains of the alcove bed.) Phil departs and presently returns with Dixon (Mr. Turner) and Raymond (Mr. Morison), this time quite uproarious all three. Phil reveals the hat, they all play with the hat. "Saucers," indignant beyond bearing, flings wide the curtains, "Put down that 'at!" The scene then becomes turbulent. Phil attempts closer quarters with "Saucers" and is fought by Jack and felled. The others file away in alarm. Phil lies stunned and rises sober, apologises, and is off. Jack and "Saucers" as before, and conversing. Jack tells the girl of his approaching marriage and goes to sleep. She, half-awakened to jealousy, sits up and soliloquizes out of a full heart. She beats a pillow which she calls Millicent, the girl Jack is to marry. She is hurt, unhappy, very much out of place. Presently she steals down the ladder and gathers up her belongings, she can stay no longer. Before she goes she takes the flowers from her basket and puts some of them in a vase beside her host and a few in his hands, and then she steals away—"I am hoff," That's all. A tender and true little page of pathos, not much in it, but sincere. Mrs. Tyler's acting of "Saucers" is extremely clever, and shows the range of this gifted lady more clearly than anything she has yet undertaken. The part is entirely unattractive from the point of view of the average Simla actress, but Mrs. Tyler evidently loves her art for its own sake. The naivette and courage of "Saucers" natural, self-blended admirably in her hands, with the independence and sharpness of the London flower-girl. No points were strained and none were under-acted. "Saucers" showed us this memorable little episode of her life simply and naturally from beginning to end. Mrs. Tyler is heartily to be congratulated upon an achievement which is not often paralleled upon the Simla stage. Captain Finlay as Jack gave us a pleasant voice and manner and expressed feeling in several of his lines; but his sentiments all through might have been "souligne" with advantage, except in the fight with Phil. Captain Barnes in the latter character, quite surpassed any of his previous efforts before a Simla audience. The part of the argumentative, cynical friend suited him to perfection and he acted with a vigour which does not always characterize him on the stage. Mr. Morrison represented himself effectively as the "Jewel of Asia," and Mr. Turner rendered some intoxicated lines amusingly. The piece was followed by another short one "Barbara," in which the ladies' parts were taken by Mrs. Coffin as Barbara and Miss King as Lillie, while Mr. Butler did Cecil and Finoricum was confided to Mr. Chaldecott. This is a pretty little conventional drama which gave Mrs. Coffin some pleasant opportunities of touching all our hearts of which she entirely availed herself. Mrs. Coffin's chief gift for the stage is a voice of exquisite quality, though she has also some graceful poses. Miss King did the pettish "ingenue" with great "go" and Cecil was a most agreeable ass as represented by Mr. Butler. A piece that might with infinite propriety be produced in any boarding-school, "Barbara" formed an excellent foil for the "Bit of Chelsea," and doubtless helped to restore any sensibilities that found themselves too severely treated earlier in the evening.

Good progress continues to be made with the construction of the Simla-Kalka Railway. A fifth of the big tunnel has now been cut and it is confidently expected that by July next construction trains will be running from Kalka as far as Dagshai. Goods traffic on this section will probably be opened in October next year. Surveyors will be at work during the ensuing cold season staking out the precise alignment into Simla. The general route to be taken is that settled last year. When the departments return to Simla, next spring, house-holders will be able to see for themselves exactly how their property lies in regard to the railway, which has been so arranged as to touch remarkably few compounds, though it runs into the very heart of the station.

A successful concert was given at the Town Hall on the 5th instant in aid of the funds of the Union Chapel. The first part of the programme consisted of the sacred cantata, "The Daughter of Jairus," which was really excellent, the duet by Mrs. Smith and Mr. McMahon being specially admired, and the chorus being well in hand, the part "Awake thou that sleepest" being perhaps the most effectively rendered. In the second part the honours were divided between Mrs. Twining and Miss Turner. The former sang "For this" and "Rock a by Baby," while the latter rendered to an appreciative audience the pretty song "Butterflies." The performers included Mesdames Cock, Fink, Kirkpatrick, Rodgers, Rose, Shilstone, and Smith; Misses Biss, Cooper, Gordon, Fink, Muller, Putnam, Rollo, Robinson, Slane, and Stockbridge; and Messrs. Allen, Ardwise, Bates, Braithwaite, Budd, Binge, Carey, Chambers, Dann, Law, Marinan, and Tomlinson.

An interesting exhibition of pictures by Mr. R. D. Mackenzie opened here on the 10th instant. Mr. Mackenzie is the artist whose life-like painting of frontier horsemen, entitled "Our Restless Neighbours," took the Viceroy's Medal at the Simla Exhibition last year and whose landscapes, full of the most delightfully delicate feeling and atmosphere, are well-known in the Paris salon. He has made Simla his head-quarters for the past few seasons, where he works in a studio he has built for himself on Jakko.

MARINE LINES ESTATE.

NEW BUILDING REGULATIONS.

The report of the Land Committee, appointed by the Bombay Improvement Trust with regard to drawing up revised proposals for laying out the Building Area, they report: We have inquired into the reasons why no applications to build on the Marine Lines Estate have been received and are of opinion that the rates sanctioned in Trustees' Resolution dated 7th August, 1899 viz Rs. 39·62 for the Southern plot and Rs. 35.53 per square yard for the others, are not sufficiently attractive to capitalists. These rates are undoubtedly high in themselves and are in addition made almost prohibitive by the comparatively small frontages to the west and the great depths of these plots; the frontages are 66' 4" and 77" with 30 feet garden spaces between the plots, and the depths vary from 170" to 184." We note that considerable areas were sanctioned free of charge as garden spaces; but even with these concessions the Lessees would be burdened with the payment of rent for large areas not actually required by them.

Under the sanctioned arrangements the rent payable in respect of the majority of the plots, would amount to Rs. 110 a month for the first 10 years, Rs. 137 a month for the next 10 years, Rs. 220 a month from the 20th to the 50th years, and nearly Rs. 250 a month for the remainder of the 99 years' lease. In the case of the Southern plot the rents would be still higher. We consider that the frontages are too small to admit of large roomy houses being constructed and the ground-rents sanctioned are too high to admit of a fair return on the capital laid out if smaller houses are erected. We have accordingly come to the conclusion that a revision of the arrangements and rents is desirable.

We have had proposals drawn up for laying out the Estate in every possible way, so that we might judge of the relative advantages, financial and others, of each scheme. After much consideration we have come to the conclusion that the arrangement that will give the best results is a scheme by which there will be 19 building plots as against 16 in the sanctioned proposal, and each plot will have a Road frontage to the west of 80 feet. We propose that the frontage of the buildings shall not exceed 50 feet, that a ground floor and two upper stories shall be allowed and that the frontage line of the building shall be 50 feet back from Marine Lines Street. We would permit either detached or semi-detached houses, as the lessees may desire. We would lay particular stress on the desirability of having all the hoses on this Estate of a pleasing appearance, and consider that it should be laid down that only designs with a high standard of architectural excellence will be passed. We would not insist upon any extravagance in ornamentation, but would rather depend on graceful lines and suitable dispositions of the projections and roofing.

In order to make this form of building practicable, we have carefully considered the ground-rent to be charged, and we recommend an uniform rent of Re. 1 per square yard per annum (equivalent at 4 per cent. to Rs. 24·5 per square yard) for 1066 2-3 square yards of each plot, and we would allow a special concession in respect to the remaining 533 1-3 square yards in each plot by charging the actual cost price, viz., 3 per cent. per annum on the schedule value (Rs. 10 per square yard.) At these rates the ground-rent, at an uniform scale throughout the whole period of lease, would amount to Rs. 1,236-6 per annum or Rs. 102·2 per mensem.

We are hopeful that with the arrangements now proposed, there will be an immediate demand for these sites, because on them houses can be constructed which can be let at about Rs. 275 a month, inclusive of all charges, after calculating on a return of 6 per cent. to the proprietors.

DEATH OF A FORMER JUDGE.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Kaikhosru Hormusjee Alpaiwalla, formerly a Judge of the Small Causes Courts, at Surat and Broach, which took place in Bombay at his residence at Colaba early yesterday morning in the seventieth year of his age. Mr. Kaikhosru rendered useful and valuable service to Government for a period of over twenty-seven years in the Educational Department; in the Secretariat; as Secretary to the Parsee Law Commission; as Government Pleader and Public Prosecutor at Surat; and subsequently as Judge of the Small Causes Courts at Surat and Broach. He retired on pension in the early part of 1891, and had been since leading a quiet and unobtrusive life in Bombay. He belonged to an ancient and respected family, the members of which were well-known for generations past as merchants of Gujerat, the Malabar Coast and China. Mr. Kaikhosru entered the service of Government in June, 1851, as an assistant-master in the Elphinstone Institution, then presided over by Principal Harkness, after passing with honour through all classes of the Elphinstone College. He was one of the first native Assistant Professors appointed in the Elphinstone College in 1855-56, being nominated Assistant Professor of History. In August, 1858, Mr. H. Hebbert, District Judge of Surat, nominated Mr. Kaikhosru a munsiff in that city; and after a service of over seven years in the Educational Department, he was transferred to the Judicial Branch. After working as a munsiff in the Surat District for nearly three years, Mr. Kaikhosru joined the Secretariat as an assistant in the Educational Department under Mr. Kinlock Forbes, Secretary to Government; and while employed there, he was appointed Secretary to the Parsee Law Commission, presided over by Sir Joseph Arnold, Judge of the Supreme Court at Bombay, who subsequently bore testimony to the accuracy, industry, and varied information of the secretary. In September, 1863, Mr. Kaikhosru obtained one year's leave of absence and accepted the post of Agent to the Surat branch of the Central Bank of Western India. Within two years more came the Share Mania crash, and having lost the Bank appointment, Mr. Kaikhosru, who held the Sanad of a High Court pleader, practised in the District Court of Surat. He was engaged for the defence along with the Government Pleader in several heavy suits filed at the time against Government, and was awarded a special honorarium, in addition to his fees, for the satisfactory manner in which those cases were conducted. On the re-organisation of the department of Mofussil Law Officers in August, 1869, Mr. Kaikhosru was appointed Government Pleader and Public Prosecutor for the District of Surat on the recommendation of Mr. (afterwards Sir) T. C. Hope, District Collector of Surat, and others; and continued to discharge the duties of the office with zeal and ability for a period of six years to the entire satisfaction of his superiors. In August, 1875, Mr. Kaikhosru was appointed to officiate as Judge of the Small Causes Courts at Surat and Broach, being confirmed in the appointment towards the close of the same year. There was then a large number of cases, many of which had been of three or four years standing, left undisposed of, while a large number of plaints, some of which had been presented four or five years previously, remained unadmitted. Mr. Kaikhosru worked overtime, giving up most of his holidays, and in about six months was able to clear off all the arrears, which gained for him the special approbation of the Judges of the High Court. During the period of his service Mr. Kaikhosru gained the good opinion of his superiors, who spoke highly of his ability, zeal and industry. He retired on pension in March, 1891, and had since then been leading a quiet life in Bombay. He leaves behind him an adopted son, Mr. Merwanjee Kaikhosru Alpaiwalla, of Messrs. Bicknell, Merwanjee, Motilal, solicitors; a grandson, who is a pleader of the High Court, and three daughters. His funeral, which took place yesterday afternoon, was very largely attended by leading Parsee citizens and others.

Mr. Stockwell Watts has at length accomplished the task which he set himself in December, 1892. After nearly eight years' persistent effort he has succeeded, says the "Daily News," in raising the £100,000 which it was calculated would be requisite if the worst effects of the Liberator fraud were to be in any appreciable degree mitigated. He is now issuing a circular letter announcing the fact that the sum actually subscribed has reached the original estimate. But, he says, since that estimate was made the committee have been compelled to take cognizance of between three and four hundred more very needy cases, some of them, indeed, among the most distressing they have had to deal with. For these poor people at least another £10,000 will be requisite, and the benevolent are again appealed to.

MASONIC FAREWELL TO SIR EDWIN COLLEN.

A FAREWELL Masonic banquet was given at Simla on the 8th instant to Worshipful Brother Major-General Sir Edwin Collen. The chair was taken by Worshipful Brother Anderson, Master of Lodge Himalayan Brotherhood, covers being laid for seventy. Among those present were the Right Worshipful District Grand Master (Sir Power Palmer), Brothers the Lord Bishop of Calcutta, Colonel A. R. D. Mackenzie and may other Masons high in the Craft.

The Worshipful Master in proposing the Toast of the evening said:—

"Although to-night is our regular meeting still I think I am right in saying that we all recognise that the prime reason for our presence here is to do honour to our friend Worshipful Brother General Sir E. H. H. Collen, than whom no better brother or friend to those who have been lucky enough to know him exists. (Applause). Brethren, I have heard it said that there were times when the English language was quite insufficient to produce words to express our sentiments on a given occasion, and although I come from a country whose people are supposed to be extraverbose, still I am forced to admit that on this occasion I too am quite at a loss to find words to express one-half of the sincere love and admiration that we all feel towards our friend and brother. (Applause). If I used every word that was ever written or thought of since the first speech of man I could not say more than is expressed in the sentence 'Everyone who knows him in Masonry (and I believe outside also) loves and respects him. (Applause). And brethren what more can mortal man desire than to know that he is so thought of? Would that we all may be able at the end of our connection with this or any Lodge to feel that the same sentiments are in vogue towards us as those that our Worshipful Brother has engendered in the hearts of all here to-night. Brethren, the services of our Worshipful Brother to the Order have been very extensive both in time and space, and there has been no man in the Masonic world hereabouts who has devoted more time, pains and expense to the furtherance of the glorious cause that we all have at heart than our friend and Worshipful Brother whom we are to-night met to honour. (Applause.)

"I will not trouble you by enumerating the many offices that our Worshipful Brother has held, and still holds in the Craft or his most distinguished military career, which are too well known to all here to need repetition. Suffice it to say that few men have done more for Masonry in general and for our charities, or been more earnest and devoted to the work than he assisted as he has been on many occasions by his good and charming lady, who is even now striving on our behalf to organise a *cafe chantant* in aid of two most deserving charities, and to whom we all owe an immense debt of gratitude. (Applause.) We have also the honour and pleasure to number among our members two of our Worshipful Brother's sons, one of whom has, only this evening, been initiated, and who we regret is forced to leave us again to proceed to the field of his future labours in South Africa, and whom we all wish God-speed and every prosperity in his new home.

"And now brethren as every thing in this world must have an end, so at last it has come to the time when he whom we are met here to-night to honour must soon depart from among us, and for this reason it has been decided to ask him to accept at our hands a small index of our kindliest feelings in the shape of the cup before us, which charming as it is does not in any commensurate degree mark one tithe of the sense of gratitude and love that animates us all. As I look at it, it reminds me of the two men who stood looking at a cup about to be presented to the Mayor of a small city in America whom I overheard remark, 'It's very nice, but I'll bet the darned thing's hollow.' The cup is hollow, but I would ask our Worshipful Brother to remember that empty as it might appear, it is 'full' of the good wishes, the high appreciation and the gratitude and love of all of us who have been associated with him for so many years. (Applause.)

"In conclusion, Worshipful Brother and dear friend of us all, may you live for many years to have it remind you that although absent from among us you will still live in our hearts, and that when we assemble together your good name will always be spoken of with reverence by those whom you taught to love and respect you. (Applause). Brethren, I give you the toast of 'Our guest.'"

After this "Auld Lang Syne" was sung by all standing with joined hands. The cup was a massive silver one from Cooke and Kelvey on an ebony stand, procured through Brother L. E. Quick of that firm.

Sir Edwin Collen in replying said:—"Worshipful Sir, and Brethren,—I am deeply touched by the way in which the Worshipful Master has proposed my health, and by the appreciation which you, brethren, have shown for my humble services. There were two points in his speech—although there were indeed many others to notice—which especially attracted my attention. He said something to the effect that even the whole of the English language would not enable one to express the meaning of the heart sometimes, and he especially alluded, and very kindly, to Lady Collen. (Applause). I can assure you it is difficult for me to find words in which to express my heartfelt thanks for all the kind things which the Worshipful Master has said, but this I can say, that nothing affords Lady Collen greater pleasure than to do whatever she can for the Masonic brotherhood and its institutions. (Applause.)

"I listened to the Worshipful Master's eloquent speech with mingled feelings, and as I sat listening I could not help wondering whether I really possessed all the virtues which he has attributed to me. I can only hope that I do, but if I may adapt some well-known lines, I fear I must say that he has been.

'To my failings more than blind
And to my virtues more than kind.'

At the same time it cannot but be an immense gratification to me to receive this tribute from the Master of a Lodge with which I have been so long associated and to receive from you the endorsement of all that he has said, by the manner in which you have accepted the toast which he has proposed. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart, and I accept with gratitude the splendid gift with which you have honoured me. It is now

leave I hope I shall meet many of you, and many in after times, but as a corporate body I must bid the Lodge farewell—

"Adieu, a heart's warm fond adieu
Dear brothers of the mystic tie
With melting heart and brimful eye
I'll mind you still though far away"

Brethren, I wish you a fraternal and affectionate farewell."

These were the only two speeches, and they were listened to with the deepest attention. The dinner was by Brother Faletti, and was an excellent one. A most enjoyable evening was spent; several of the brethren sang songs, among them being the Worshipful Master, Worshipful Brother Watson, Brother E. E. Clarke, Worshipful Brother Colonel Leigh. A delightful part of the musical proceedings was the violin solo by Brother Buchner.

AMATEUR THEATRICALS IN POONA.

"THE MERRY MERCHANT OF VENICE."

It is doubtful whether it was a very wise discretion that selected the tail-end of a racing day for the first performance of the burlesque bearing the above title, promised by the Amateur Dramatic Club of the Poona Gymkhana, for most people who had attended the race meeting on Monday were hardly disposed to spend their evening otherwise than in the enjoyment of the *dolce far niente* that comes natural to a tired and lazily-inclined man. However, the audience who faced the performers—both the front seats and the second were fairly well peopled, the latter mostly with men from the garrison—were as appreciative and enthusiastic in their enjoyment of the extravaganza as the most sanguine amateur dramatice ombination could expect. The piece is well mounted, and the various "dramatis personæ" show by their stage deportment that careful "dress" rehearsals have preceded the public performances. There was on the first night, as usual, that general difficulty experienced by amateurs observable on the part of some of the stage occupants of not knowing what to do with their hands, but, as stage managers well know, the overcoming of this "gaucherie" is practically hopeless except under long study. The scenery—painted specially by Major Graham R. A. for the play—certainly deserves high commendation, especially that used in the night scene and in the second scene of the third and last act, the high court; the music supplied by the string band of the Royal Scots by kind permission of the Colonel and Officers, is an important feature of the performance that is most carefully, tunefully, and consientiously played under the able baton of the musical conductor of the play, the regimental bandmaster, Mr. Reily; the flowers and foliage that decorate the sides of the stage form an agreeable addendum to the "tout ensemble" of the mounting of the burlesque; the stage management, under the skilful guidance—and presumably arduous and extensive tuition of his pupils during the rehearsals—of Major Mardall is decidedly above average merit; the dressing of the characters indicate neglect of neither expenditure nor attention to detail—and in this connection Messrs. S. Goldman and Co. the costumiers, are to be congratulated; the music is spirited and catchy; and the performers are fairly steady, and, generally speaking, word-perfect. Now and again, the burlesque dragged a little on Monday, but the spirited combination of the chorus, and their strong concentrated musical efforts, compensated for this slight defect. The extravaganza is punningly described as "The Merry Merchant of Venice, seen through the Venetians," and was written by Captain F. J. Fraser, and adapted—localized—to Poona conditions. Perhaps it was a little too "local" in some instances, for personal references—not by any means offensive, but funny—were introduced, which it is a little questionable whether those interested would particularly appreciate, but of course this depends upon whether Poona residents generally have thin or pachydermatous sensibilities. Throughout, the burlesque abounds in witticisms and local skits, though some of the cleverest puns seemed to have escaped the notice of the audience—especially the "jeu de-mot" referring to the officers' mess and the cashier, and it would be well in future all the really good jokes were dwelt upon in the delivery sufficiently long to make them tell. We belong to that class of critics—and we may perhaps be considered very conservative in this respect—that do not believe in the minute review of individual amateur acting, but it would be unfair not to give due "general" praise to the principals of the piece. Miss Hand makes a charming and pretty Portia, and has a decidedly "chic" appearance on the stage that is very attractive. Her voice is agreeable, although not very strong in volume, and her acting is quite; Mrs. Neill as Nerissa exhibits an easy stage presence that is just sufficiently confident to evidence careful study, and her voice assists her most materially in the performance of her part; Lieut. R. W. Duncan of the Royal Scots possesses histrionic ability and a powerof tuning his voice into a laughable falsettothat are most valuable and telling in his amusing representation of the part of Jessica. The waiting maids, vivandieres, and contadinas (Mrs. Atkinson, and the Misses. V. and D. Onslow, Lloyd, Benn, Bainbridge, Henderson, M. Dyer, Elliott, D. Wiss, L. Marder and D. Elliott) are all what may be shortly but expressively termed "nice." And this concludes the list of "female" parts. Of the male characters, Lieut. Neill (Shylock), Mr. C. G. Leftwick (Bassanio), Captain Pollard (Antonio), Major Mardall (Lorenzo—not however, like the soldiers and others, bearing the "Marques" of South Africa!) Lieut-Colonel Lambert (The Duke of Venice), and Captain Markham (Sergeant) much praise might be written individually, (and perhaps some few faults) but we refrain from upsetting their modesty. Generally speaking their acting and their stage presence are both admittedly good, and their deliveries, conversational and vocal, distinct and unirritating. The same may be said of Captain Atkinson, and Lieuts. Pocock and Mackenzie (suitors for Portia's hand); and the parts contributed by the soldiers—lance-corporals and privates of the Royal Scots, namely Lance-Corporals Middlemost and Asleby, and Privates Sinclair, Dodds, Forster, and Watkins—in the choruses, marches, and fantastic evolutions that go to make up this extravagant skit, are appreciably and well represented. It may be added that hardly enough is made of the drawing of lots for Portia, but this a detail that will probably be corrected on future presentations of the burlesque.—"Poona Observer."

BOMBAY GYMKHANA.

MOUNTED SPORTS.

PROGRAMME FOR WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

TO FINISH THE SEASON,

1 Tent Pegging Individual—(a) Horses (b) Ponies

2 Skittle Lloyd Lindsay or Aunt Sally—In teams of four. Horses or Ponies. To ride given course, dismount in alternate half sections, each half section knock 2 cocoanuts off posts, back over course to starting post. Shortest time to win. Time taken from last man. Ten seconds added for each horse that fails to negotiate either jump.

3 Postilion Race—Round the Trees.

4 Grand Finale Scurry for all Horses and Ponies—All starting from scratch. Every Competitor before start will be allotted a figure of merit from which will be deducted his order in finishing the race. Largest remaining balance to win.

5 Whippet Stakes—For all dogs.

and

6 Bolster Flight—Horses— Ponies.

or

Competitors (dismounted) will assemble round the black board when the bell rings to draw for teams of 3 or 4 each. Each man of the first two team will then be provided with a bolster and a red or blue cap. Red cap will compete with blue caps in arena. On word "Attack" each team, advances and endeavours to knock off adversaries caps with bolster. No artificial means allowed; for keep ing cap on Each competitor to retire when his cap is knocked off or when driven outside the arena. The team with the last man left in with cap to win.

HEUGH S. SYMONS,
Honorary Secretary.

N.B.—There will be no sports on 24th October.
Practice every Monday and Friday.
Entries for the Athletic and Sporting Meeting close Saturday 20th October
No Post Entries allowed in mounted Events.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY MAJOR J. POLLEN, COMMANDING B. V. R.

Bombay, 15th October.

1. "E" (Cyclist) Company—The Signalling Class will meet at the Oval near Sir Richard Temple's Statue, for Instruction to-morow (Tuesday) the 16th and Thursday the 18th instant, at 6-30 a.m.

By Order,
R. W. L. DUNLOP, Captain,
Acting Adjutant, B. V. R.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COL. LOUIS P. RUSSELL, COMMANDING B. V. A.

Bombay 15th October.

1. The following Drills will take place this week:—
No. 1 Company Town Hall Compound—Tuesday and Thursday at 8 45 p.m., 40 pr R M L Gun drill.
No. 2 Company Nesbit Road Head Quarters—Tuesday and Thursday at 8-45 p.m., 40 pr R M L Gun drill.

2. Orderly Sergt for the week:—No. 1 Company Sergt C F Spencer; and No. 2 Company Corpl F D McAlpine.

3. There will be Morris Tube Practice at the Nesbit Road Head-quarters on the 21st instant from 8-45 a.m.

4. The Corps Tailor will be present at the Drills of No 1 Company every Tuesday evening and of No 2 Company every Thursday evening. All members who have not yet been measured for their uniforms are requested to attend, and members whose uniforms require alteration are requested to bring them with them.

5. A pair Horse brake will leave the Club at 8-15 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday to convey members of No. 2 Company to drills at Nesbit Road returning at 10-30 p.m.

By Order,
G. STODDART, Capt. R. A.,
Adjutant, B. V. A.

LATEST ELECTION RESULTS.

(Continued from page 5.)

INVERNESS Mr Dewar (L), Liberal gain.
1895—J E Baillie (C) 2,991
N Kennedy (L) 2,891

KILMARNOCK, Mr J M Denny (C).
1895—Denny (C) 5,432
S Williamson (L) 5,051

LANCASHIRE (Prestwich), Mr F Cawley (L).
1895—Cawley (L) 6,039
R Mowbray (C) 5,938

LINCOLNSHIRE (Louth), Mr E W Perks (L).
1895—Perks (L) 4,191
Col Lucas (C) 3,799

LEITH, Mr Munro-Fergusson (L).
Fergusson (L) 5,819
J Wilson (C) 4,494

LINCOLNSHIRE (Gainsborough), Mr Gore (C). Conservative gain.
1895—E Bainbridge (L) 5,077
E Pearson (C) 4,301

LINCOLNSHIRE (Spalding), Mr Mansfield (L), Liberal gain.
1895—H F Pollock (C) 4,623
H Steuart (L) 4,274

MONTGOMERYSHIRE, Mr A Humphreys-Owen (L).
1895—Owen (L) 3,442
R Wynn (C) 3,415

NORFOLK (North-West), Mr White (L).
1895—J Arch (L) 4,817
C Tighe (C) 3,520

NORFOLK (South-West), Mr T L Hare (C).
1895—Hare 3,968
R Winfrey (L) 3,762

NORTHUMBERLAND (Hexham), Mr. W C B Beaumont (L)
1895—Beaumont (L) 4,438
C Hunter (C) 4,003

ROSS and CROMARTY, Mr J G Weir (L).
Weir (L) 3,272
Major Jackson (C) 2,409

SOMERSET (North) Mr E H Llewllyn (C).
1895—Llewllyn (C) 4,652
T Warner 3,966

STAFFORDSHIRE (Leek), Mr C Bill (C).
1895—Bill (C) 4,705
R Pearce (L) 4,091

STIRLINGSHIRE Mr J McKillop (C).
1895—McKillop (C) 5,916
W Jacks (L) 5,489

SUFFOLK (Lowestoft), Mr Lucas (C).
1895—H S Forster (C) 5,199
A Sington (L) 3,820

SURREY (Chertsey), Mr H C L Bennett (C).
1895—C H Combe (C), unopposed.
On resignation of Mr Combe (polling Feb. 18th, 1897)—
H C Leigh-Bennett (C) 4,845
L J Baker (L) 3,977

SUSSEX (Rye), Mr A M Brookfield (C); unopposed in 1895.

WARWICKSHIRE (Rugby), Mr J C Grant (L), Liberal gain.
1895—Hon R Verney (C) 4,354
J Grant 4,070

WILTSHIRE (Chippenham), Sir J Poynder (C).
1895—Poynder (C) 3,898
J Thornton (L) 3,390

WORCESTERSHIRE [(Droitwich), Mr R B Martin; unopposed in 1895.

YORKSHIRE (Osgoldcross), Sir J Austin.
1895—Sir J Austin (L) 5,119
J Harling (C) 4,054
On the resignation of Sir J Austin (polling July 6th, 1899)—
Sir J Austin (L) 5,818
C H Roberts (L) 2,898

YORKSHIRE (Buckrose), Mr White (L).
1895—A Holden (L) 4,076
T Goff (C) 3,983

YORKSHIRE (Skipton), Mr Thomson (L), Liberal gain.
1895—W Morrison (C) 4,902
J A Farrer (L) 4,703

The position of parties in the House of Commons at the close of the General Election of 1895 and at the dissolution of Parliament in 1900 is shown in the following figures:—

	C.	L.U.	Total.		L.	N.	Total.
1895	341	70	411		177	82	259
1900	334	66	400		189	81	270

At the time of Dissolution, therefore, the Unionist majority was 130, as against 152 at the General Election of 1895. Party gains at the 1895 election were distributed as follows:—

UNIONIST GAINS.

				Seats.
England	...	...	...	91
Wales	..	..	...	6
Scotland	..	...	...	13
			Total	110

LIBERAL GAINS.

				Seats.
England	...	...	...	13
Scotland	...	..	...	5
			Total	18

NATIONALIST GAINS.

Ireland	..	...	...	2

In subsequent by-elections the Unionists captured 3 seats and the Liberals 14.

The following are seats where party gains have been recorded at the present election, and the gains as compared (1) with the General Election of 1895 and (2) with the position of parties at the date of Dissolution:—

UNIONISTS.

Seats.	Present Members.	Former Elections.	Gains since.	
		1895	Bye 1895	Diss
Bethnal Green, S W.	Mr S Forde Ridley...	L	U ..	1 1
Burnley	Mr W Mitchell...	L	..	1 1
Dumfriesshire	Mr W J Maxwell	L	..	1 1
Edinburgh, South	Sir A Agnew	L	U L	— 1
Galway City	?	N	..	1 1
Glasgow				
Bridgeton	C S Dickson	L	L	1 1
Blackfriars	Mr Law	L	..	1 1
Hanley	Mr A Heath	L	..	1 1
Lancashire				
S E Middleton	Mr Fielden	C	L	... 1
Leeds, East	Mr Cautery	L	..	1 1
Leicester	Sir J F L Rolleston	L	..	1 1
Middlesborough	Col Sadler	L	..	1 1
Monmouth Dist	Mr Rutherford Harris	L	..	1 1
Newcastle-u-L	Sir A Haslam	L	..	1 1
Oldham	Mr Winston Churchill	C	..	— 1
Plymouth	Mr H E Duke	L	L	1 1
Portsmouth	Mr J H A Majendie	L	..	1 1
	Mr Lucas	L	..	1 1
Sheffield				
Brightside	Mr Hope	L	L	1 1
Shoreditch				
Hexton	Hon Claude Hay	L	..	1 1
Southampton		L	U L	— 1
Staffordshire				
Burton	Mr R T Ratcliff	L	..	1 1
Stockton	Mr Ropner	L	..	1 1
Sunderland	Mr T G S Pemberton	L	..	1 1
Tower Hamlets	Major Evans Gordon	C	L	— 1
Stepney a				

a Mr Whiteley seceded from the Conservative party to the Liberal.

LIBERALS.

Camberwell, North	?	C	...	1 1
Cambridgeshire	Hon'ble A G Brand	C	...	1 1
N Wisbech				
Cardiff	Sir E J Reed	C	...	1 1
Carmarthen Dist	Mr D Davies	L U	...	1 1
Derby	Sir T Roe	C	...	1 —
	Mr R Bell	C	...	1 —
Derbyshire				
High Peak	Mr G Partington	C	...	1 1
Devonshire				
Torquay	Mr F L Barrett	C	...	1 1
Barnstaple	Mr J Soanes	U	...	1 1
Gloucester	Mr Russell Rea	L U	...	1 1
Grantham	Mr A Priestley	C	...	1 1
Hartlepool	Sir C Furness	L U	...	1 1
Hastings	Mr Legge	C	...	1 1
Lancashire				
S E Radcliffe	Mr T B Taylor	C	...	1 1
Lancaster	Mr Helme	C	...	1 1
Northampton	Dr G Shipman	C	...	1 1
Shoreditch, Haggerston	Mr W R Cremer	C	...	1 1
Somersetshire				
Frome	Mr J E Barlow	C	L	1 —
Stockport	Mr Bight	C	La	1 1
Swansea Town	Sir G Newnes	C	...	1 1
Walsall	Sir A T Hayter	C	...	1 1
Wolverhampton South	Mr Norman	L U L U		1 1

NATIONALISTS.

Dublin		L U C		1 1
St Stephen's G	?			
Dublin County South	Mr Mooney	C	..	1 1

ADMINISTRATIONS OF THE CENTURY.

Took office.	Prime Minister.	Duration. Years.	Day.
1801	—Addington	—	—
1804	W Pitt	1	48
1806	Lord Grenville	—	246
1807	Duck of Portland	1	190
1809	Spencer Percival	—	319
1812	Earl Liverpool	2	134
1827	George Canning	—	142
—	Viscount Goodrich	—	301
1828	Duke of Wellington	3	238
1830	Earl Grey	3	161
1834	Viscount Melbourne	—	113
—	Sir Robt Peel	—	141
1835	Viscount Melbourne	6	303
1841	Sir Robt Peel	5	236
1846	Lord John Russell	—	305
1852	Earl of Derby	—	44
—	Earl of Aberdeen	—	15
1855	Lord Palmerston	3	113
1858	Earl of Derby	1	141
1859	Lord Palmerston	6	242
1865	Earl Russell	—	236
1866	Earl of Derby	1	226
1868	Benjamin Disraeli	—	74
—	W E Gladstone	5	67
1874	Benjamin Disraeli (Earl Beaconsfield)	6	57
—	W E Gladstone	5	227
1880	W E Gladstone	—	178
1885	Lord Salisbury	1	15
1886	W E Gladstone	6	193
—	Lord Salisbury	1	114
1892	W E Gladstone	1	87
1894	Earl Rosebery	5	—
1895	Lord Salisbury	15	—
	Conservative Ministries	16	—
	Liberal Ministries	2	—
	Coalition Ministries	1	—

The above does not include three changes of Ministry (two Conservative and one Liberal) which were made for special reasons and brief periods.

LONGEST PARLIAMENTS OF THE REIGN.

	Prime Minister.	Met.	Duration. Yrs.	Mths.	Days.
1	Lord Palmerston	1859	6	1	6
2	Lord Beaconsfield	1874	6	0	20
3	Sir Robert Peel	1841	5	11	24
4	Lord Salisbury	1886	5	10	2
5	W E Gladstone	1880	5	6	20
6	W E Gladstone	1868	5	1	16
7	Lord Salisbury	1895	5	2	25
8	Lord John Russell	1847	4	11	9

RELATIVE STRENGTH OF PARTIES.

The following table shows the relative strength of parties at the meeting of each Parliament since 1832:—

		Con.	Liberal.	Total.		Majority.
1832	...	173	480	653	Liberal	..307
1835	...	273	380	653	Liberal	...107
1837	...	301	352	653	Liberal	... 51
1841	...	367	286	653	Conservative	... 81
1847..	Cons	165	327	653	Liberal	... 1
	Prot	161				
1852	...	329	333	653	Liberal	... 13
1857	...	237	356	653	Liberal	... 79
1859	...	305	348	653	Liberal	.. 43
1865	...	294	361	655	Liberal	... 67
1868	..	265	393	652	Liberal	...133
1874	...	349	Lib 247; H R 56	652	Con over Lib ...102; Do over House.. 46	
1880	..	233	Lib 357; H R 32	652	Lib over Con ..124; Do over House.. 62	
1885	...	249	Lib 335; H R 86	670	Lib over Con ... 86; Do over House.. 0	
1886	Cons 316; L U 77		Libs and H R 277	670	Unionist	..116
1892	Cons 268; L U 77		Libs 270; National-ists 70; Labour 4	670	Liberal	... 40
1895	Cons 340; L U 71		H R 259	670	Unionist	..152

THE NEW HOUSE OF COMMONS.

"MEMS," ABOUT MEMBERS.

Colville, John, (L), elected for Lanarkshire, North-East, '95; s. of Mr. David Colville, J P of Glasgow; b. '52; iron and steel manufacturer; J P and C C for Lanarkshire.

Disraeli, Coningsby R (C), elected for Cheshire, Altrincham D, '95; sat for same constit '92-5; s of the late Mr Ralph Disraeli, late Deputy Clerk of Parliaments; n of the late Earl of Beaconsfield, and heir to his property; b '67; E Charterhouse and New College, Oxford; J P and D L for Bucks.

Dilke, Right Hon. Sir C W (L), elected for Gloucester, Forest of Dean D, '95; sat for Chelsea '68-86, Gloucester, Forest of Dean D, 92-5; es of the late Sir C W Dilke, M P; b '43; E Trinity Hall Camb; called to the Bar, Middle Temple, '66; P C. He began his career after leaving college by a tour round the world, to which he owed it that he was able to write his book on "Greater Britain," a standard work on our empire beyond the seas, '68. After his return he lectured in '71 at Newcastle on "The Cost of the Crown" in a most uncompromisingly Radical fashion, which provoked universal attention. He married in '72, but his wife died in Sept. '74. In '74 he was returned to the House of Commons for Chelsea, and soon formed an alliance with Mr. Chamberlain. He was appointed Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in '80, and President of the Local Government Board '80 to '85. In '80 the case of Crawford v. Crawford and Dilke came on, and was twice tried. In the first trial, just before which he married Mrs. Mark Pattison, a divorce was granted; but Sir Charles Dilke was dismissed from the case and given his costs. On his application the Queen's Proctor subsequently intervened, and a second trial followed; but Sir Charles Dilke's application to be made a party in the second trial was refused by the Court and by the Court of Appeal. Sir Charles had been elected for Chelsea at the '85 election, but was defeated in '86. At the general election of '92 he was returned to the House of Commons for the Forest of Dean, after an absence of six years, and was re-elected unopposed in '95. He is proprietor of the "Athenæum" and of "Notes and Queries." Besides "Greater Britain," Sir C. Dilke's chief works are "The Fall of Prince Florestan," "The Present Position of European Politics," '87, "The British Army," '88, "Problems of Greater Britain," '91, and, with Mr. Spenser Wilkinson, "Imperial Defence," '92.

Farquharson, Dr. Robert (L), elected for Aberdeenshire, West, 95; sat for same constit '80-95; s of the late Mr. Francis Farquharson; b '37; E Edinburgh University; M D '58; formerly a lecturer on Materia Medica in the Medical School of St. Mary's Hospital, London; Assistant Physician to the Belgrave Hospital for Children; J P and D L for Aberdeenshire; L L D Aberdeen and author of numerous medical works including "A Guide to Therapeutics." Cochrane, Hon T H A E (L U), elected for Ayrshire, North '95; sat for same constit '92-5; 2nd s of the 11th Earl of Dundonald; b '57; E Eton; served in Scots Guards J P for co Fife; private secretary to the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies since Aug '95. D L for Renfrewshire; Captain 4th Battalion (Militia) Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders '83.

Goschen, G. J., jun (C), elected for Sussex North or East Grinstead D '95; es of the Right Hon G J Goschen, First Lord of the Admiralty; be '66; E Rugby and Balliol College, Oxford; private secretary to the Governor of New South Wales '90-92; moved address '90.

Holland, W H (L), elected for Yorkshire, West Ridding, Rotherham D '99; sat for North Salford '92-5; b '49; s of the late Mr W Holland, J P; member of the firm of Holland and Sons, merchants, and was for two years President of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce; member of the Commercial Intelligence Committee of the Board of Trade, and was a member of the Indian Currency Committee; Alderman of Manchester and Vice-Chairman of the Fine Spinners and Doublers Association; was a Commissioner to the Brussels Exhibition of '97, and has been reappointed for that of Paris, to be held in 1900.

Hutton, A E (L), elected for Yorkshire, Morley D, '95; sat for same constit '92-5; s of Mr. John Hutton, J P, of Eccleshill; b '65; E Mill Hill School and Trinity College, Camb (M A '90); manufacturer.

Kinloch, Sir J G, Bart (L), elected for Perthshire, East, '95; sat for same constit '89-95; es of the late Sir G Kinloch; b '49; E Cheltenham and Trinity College, Camp; J P for Perthshire; and Forfarshire; D L for Perthshire.

McTaggart-Stewart, Sir M J Bart (C), elected for Kirkcudbrightshire '95; sat for Wigtown Burghs '74-80, Kirkcudbrightshire '85-95; es of the late Mr M H Stewart, of Southwick, Kirkcudbright; b '34; E Winchester and Christ Church, Oxford; called to the Bar, Inner Temple, '62; J P and D L for Kirkcudbrightshire; J P for Wigtonshire; Hon. Lieutenant-Colonel 1st Brigade Ayr and Galloway Artillery Volunteers '74-88: Colonel '88; created a baronet '92.

M'Calmont, Colonel J M (C), elected for Antrim, East, '95; sat for same constit '85-95; 2nd s of the late Mr J M Calmont, of Abbeylands Belfast; b '47; E Eton; served in 8th Hussars '66-74; retired captain '74; aide-de-camp to Earl Cowper and to the late Duke of Marlborough when Viceroy of Ireland; J P Antrim; Hon. Colonel of the Antrim Artillery.

Pretyman, Captain E G (C), elected for Suffolk South-East, Woodbridge D '95; es of Rev. Canon F Pretyman, J P of Lincoln; b '59; E Eton and Royal Military Academy, Woolwich; served in the Royal Artillery '80-89; J P for Suffolk; J P and D L for Lincolnshire.

Strachey, E (L), elected for Somerset, South, '95; sat for same constit, '92-5; es of Sir E Strachey, Bart, of Sutton Court, Somerset; b '58; E Christ Church, Oxford; m '80, Constance, only child of Mr C B Braham; Lieutenant 4th Battalion (Militia) Somersetshire Light Infantry '77-82; J P, D L and C C for Somerset.

Smith, J P (L U.), elected for Lanarkshire, Partick D., '95; sat for same constit, '90-95; e. s. of the late Mr. A Smith, F R S., of Jordanhill; b. '54; E. Winchester and Trinity College, Camb. (4th Wrangler '77; Smiths Prizeman and Fellow of Trinity); called to the Bar, Lincoln's Inn, '80; Oxford Circuit; J P and D L for Renfrewshire and Glasgow; J P for Lanarkshire; Fellow of Winchester.

Ure, A (L), elected for Linlithgowshire '95; s of Mr. John Ure, of Helensburgh, ex-Lord Provost of Glasgow; b '53; E Glasgow and Edinburgh Universities (M A and LL B); called to the Scottish Bar '78; Q C '97; ex-Lecturer on Constitutional Law and History in Glasgow University.

Warner, Thomas Courtenay Theydon (L), returned for the Lichfield D of Staffs Feb. '96, after Mr Fulford had been unseated on petition; sat for North Somerset '92-5; s of the late Mr E Warner, M P; b '57; m Lady Laucha Diana, 6th d of the 1st Earl De Montalt; J P for Somerset; C C for the Walthamstow D of Essex; High Sheriff of Essex '90; Major 4th Oxfordshire Light Infantry. He moved the Address in '94.

Whittaker, T P (L), elected for Yorkshire, Spen Valley D, '95; sat for same constit '92-5; s of Mr T Whittaker, J P, of Scarborough; b '50; E Huddersfield College; contributor on economic questions to reviews, etc; member of Royal Commission on Licensing Laws.

Wilson F W (L) elected for Norfolk, Mid '95; s of Mr W Wilson, of the Manor House Scarning, Norfolk; b '44; E Wymondham Grammar School; proprietor of the "East Anglian Daily Times" and other newspapers; Vice-President of the Newspaper Society; J P for Suffolk.

Wylie, Alexander (C), elected for Dumbartonshire '95; s of the late Mr. John Wylie, calico printer; Director of the Glasgow Chamber of Commerce, etc; O C J P. and D. L for Dumbarton; ex-Chairman of the Cardross School Board.

THE OIL INDUSTRY AT BAKU.

MR. HENRY NORMAN, in a letter from Baku to the "Daily Chronicle" writes:—

Fate has thrown a good many strange sights in my way, but I think the oil wells of Baku are as strange as any. Directly after reaching the hotel I was called to the telephone, and invited by Mr. Tweedy, at Balakhani, six miles away, to spend the night there and see the wells next day. So I found myself, after dark, driving from the little station of Balakhani to the head-quarters of the Russian Petroleum and Liquid Fuel Company. The mud was a foot deep, there was no road in particular, but the droschky-driver took the direction which promised the best chance of escaping an upset, and we rocked about till I was quite resigned to find myself floundering. The surroundings were positively weird. Every few yards a pyramidal structure, huge and ill-defined in the dark, towered up; within each was machinery hard at work and mysterious bangings and splashings issued; in boiler houses the lurid glow and fierce roar of petroleum furnaces made night alarming; and the whole air was thick with the reek of oil. I longed for morning to bring some sort of unity into this peculiar Hades.

With daylight came not only unifying knowledge, but also fascination. To a man with imagination the business of petroleum-getting must combine in itself the things which delight the gold prospector, the sportsman, the surgeon, the mechanician and the gambler. Like the prospector, the oil-seeker may look long in vain, and then suddenly run full tilt against riches. Like the sportsman he may have the quarry just within his reach, and then in a second lose it. Like the surgeon, he uses instruments to perform strange and delicate tasks in the dark, guided only by a fine sense of touch and a knowledge of the body in which he is working. Like the mechanician, he must always be inventing new and more ingenious tools. Like the gambler, he ranges headlong over rising and falling values. After the pen, I think the oil-borer would be my choice of implement wherewith to solve the great problem. To leave generalities and come to

PLAIN FACTS,

this is in brief the story of an oil well. The mysterious processes of nature, whether animal or vegetable—probably the former—which produce petroleum in the bowels of the earth, have taken place in an unusual degree under the eastern shore of the Caucasian peninsula, where the town of Baku has arisen—and where, I may incidentally add, this town has increased, by fifteen hundred per cent., in fifteen months, where house rents have doubled in the same time, and where you may see a string of camels crossing a tramway line under an electric light. This petroleum-bearing land used to be leased by the Russian Government at a nominal rental; now it is put up to auction. A certain number of pouds (a poud is thirty six lbs.) of oil is supposed to be available for a certain area, and the bidding is by kopecks (say farthings) per poud of that number. Having acquired the land, the concessionaire proceeds to sink his wells. First he erects the pyramidal wooden structure, about seventy feet high, called the "derrick," with a large grooved wheel, like that over a colliery shaft, at its apex. He puts in an engine and a winding drum, and then the digging begins. It is of the first importance to have as wide a shaft as possible, because the wider the shaft the greater the dimension of the "baler," or elongated bucket, in which the oil is ultimately brought to the surface, and therefore the greater the yield of oil per diem and the larger the profit. Therefore nowadays the first tubes of wrought iron of which the well consists may be as much as twenty-eight or thirty inches. A kind of huge spade, weighing perhaps half a ton, is suspended from a beam, which balances like the beam of a beam-engine. This spade is fixed to its shaft by a sort of bayonet catch, and when the beam lifts the whole aparatus a man standing over the well gives it a half turn, and the spade falls two feet, striking the ground a heavy blow, the beam allows the shaft to fall upon it, pick it up and raise it again, the man gives another half turn, the spade falls again, and so on for hours with extraordinary rapidity, the spade falling perhaps thirty times a minute. This is known as the "free fall" system, from the German Freifall. After a while the earth is extracted by means of a colossal shell-auger, and the iron tube is lowered into place. The spades are of all shapes and sizes, and so far

ALL IS PLAIN SAILING.

But by and by accidents happen. Spades break, tubes collapse under the enormous pressure necessary to force them into place, steel ropes and chains give way and precipitate the whole apparatus into the well, or the apparatus gets twisted for broken and jams fast perhaps a thousand feet below the surface. Or perhaps even a wrench or a heavy bolt falls into the well—quite enough to prevent the "free fall" from working. Then the fun begins—not that the well-owner regards it as fun at all. But the business of picking up these things seems to me an intoxicating task. Remember that your accident has happened perhaps 1,500 feet underground, in a tube perhaps a foot in diameter, perhaps only six inches, for as the well goes deeper, its diameter decreases. You do not know what the accident is—you only know that something, perhaps everything, has gone to smash down there. Or you may know that you have a ton of broken, twisted iron jammed tight in the narrow iron tube, with a quarter of a mile of wire rope or chain piled up pell mell on the top of it. Your business is to get it all out—and the oil-borer does get it all out. In his workshop are laid side by side scores of surgical instruments—tweezers, pincers, forceps, probes, snares, erasers, expanding things which grasp a tube by the inside, revolving knives which cut a three-inch iron bar or a 12-inch tube, eccentric hooks which put straight anything lying on its side so that the pincers can seize it, and in fact a replica of every ghastly implement of modern surgery that I know, except a speculum. There is this little difference, however, that each of these instruments weighs a quarter of a ton or more, that a whole day is not too much in which to lower it, let it do its work, or fail to do it, and hoist it up again, and that the oil-surgeon has nothing whatever to guide him except the light of pure imaginative genius and the waggle in his hand of a wire rope which has half a ton dangling from it a quarter of a mile below. The reader should not now be surprised when I add that in a moment something drops into the well, and that it sometimes takes the most skilful engineer six months to pick it up. I looked with profound respect upon the man who accomplishes such things. He happened to be a Caucasian prince, but that had nothing to do with my admiration. Never in my life have I seen anything which demanded such infinite patience. Waiting for a Conservative Government to publish a Blue-book is child's play in comparison. But at length

THE ENGINEER HAS HIS SPLENDID REWARD.

The oil stratum is reached, he rolls affectionately in his hand the slimy sand that the digger brings up—he is sure there is oil! So to the wire rope a hollow cylinder, twenty to thirty feet long and an inch or two less in diameter than the lowest tubes, with a plunger valve at the bottom is attached and cautiously lowered. It comes back by and by the valve is pushed open as it is gently lowered upon a board, and out pours a quarter of a ton of sand, slime, water—and the precious oil. At last it is only oil, and then the well runs night and day till it runs dry.

It takes on an average fifteen months to dig a well, and may cost five or six thousand pounds. The tubes alone for a well 2,000 feet deep cost £3,000. But perhaps it will give you 500 tons of oil a day. The average life of a well may be said to be three years, but of course it is often vastly more. There is, it must be added, the horrid chance—rare here, about—that after all your boring you may find nothing. Three miles from here a Russian well-owner sank a well 1,995 feet and failed to get a trace of oil. But on the other hand—and this is where the gambler's excitement comes in—you may have the delirious joy of getting a "fountain," and then hats are thrown up and dividends mount skyward. A "fountain" is an Asterian well of oil which bursts upward with incredible force and gives you as much oil in a minute for nothing as you could pump in twenty-four hours of labour and expense. Perhaps it blows the huge boiler through the derrick roof and into somebody else's boiler house, knocks the derrick itself into splinters, hurls up great stones like cannon-balls, buries the machinery in sand and slime and oil, and floods the reservoirs and roads—"nitchevo," the more the better, it is coining gold for its lucky owners. The Russian Petroleum Company had a "fountain" once which gave

FORTY MILLION POUDS OF OIL IN TWO MONTHS.

The world went very well then. Curiously enough, a fountain made its welcome appearance on the same property the very day I went to say good-bye to Mr. Tweedy, its managing director in London, whom by good luck I found at Baku, and he had of course rushed off to see it. This is a good opportunity for me to say how much I am indebted to Mr. Tweedy for the opportunities of studying and understanding the business of oil-getting. His knowledge of the subject is minute and profound, he has rendered great services to the successful investment of British capital in Baku, and after what I have written it is perhaps hardly necessary to add that his enthusiasm is contagious.

Such is, in hasty outline, the business of oil-getting on its mechan

COURT AND PERSONAL.

[From the "Whitehall Review."]

THE Queen, owing to her mourning, will not be represented at the marriage of Prince Albert of Belgium and the Duchess Elizabeth of Bavaria, daughter of Duke Charles Theodore, which is to take place the first week in October. At one time Prince Albert was very keen on marrying a certain English Princess, but religious difficulties stood in the way. Were it not for this stumbling block the alliance would have been a very satisfactory one on all sides as the Prince is heir to the Belgian throne. The King of Roumania, the King and Queen of the Belgians, Prince and Princess Hohenzollern Sigmaringen, the Duc d'Alencon, the Duc and Duchesse de Vendome, are a few of the Royal people who have promised to be present at the wedding.

[From "Vanity Fair."]

I hear from Cronberg that nothing is known there of the positively predicted visit of the Queen-Empress to the Empress Frederick; and the fact that Prince Henry of Prussia returns to Balmoral after the conclusion of the German Manœuvres makes it hardly probable that the Queen can intend to leave Scotland early in October: as I have already said I hear, on the other hand, that the Empress Frederick, if her health continue satisfactory, contemplates spending a short time with the Queen at Balmoral Castle before going to the South for the winter. The Empress realy is in better health; and the fine autumn weather seems to suit her so well that she will not be obliged to leave home so soon as had been thought necessary.

[From the "King."]

"A live lord is better than a dead parson any week-day." So said Lord Alington when he was elected by a majority of 20 to 1 for a seat on the County Council, his opponent being a Radical clergyman who declared that he was ready "to die for the people." The speech was thoroughly characteristic of the clever, humorous peer who has made himself so popular in his country. Lord Alington is a "good sort" all round. His great passion is for horses, of the breeding of which he knows as much as any man, but he has been a legislator since 1846. He is a splendid landlord, who loves hunting, and preserves foxes strictly. So kind-hearted is he that, though he scarcely fires a shot, he keeps up a splendid lot of game for his friends. Not a hare or rabbit is ever sold from Crichel, but all that is not consumed or given to friends goes to the hospitals. One of Lord Alington's strictest rules is that a gun shall never be fired in Crichel Park itself; consequently it has become a refuge for every kind of bird. Every morning the feathered visitors are fed from the drawing-room windows, and they soon get to know the man by whose good-nature they can always escape from the gun. Lord Alington married Miss Evelyn Leigh in 1892. She is very pretty and clever, and a great deal younger than her husband, who is now 74 years of age.

[From the "County Gentleman."]

Moor Park, one of the most celebrated historic houses of a county famous for its parks and mansions, lies about one mile out of the quaint old village of Rickmansworth, in Hertfordshire, built round the ancient church of St. Mary's, where are buried innumerable worthies connected in their day—long passed away—with the beautiful house now owned by Lord Ebury. . . . William IV. and Queen Adelaide were entained at Moor Park in 1833, and Talleyrand, who was present, expressed himself—which was by no means his invariable custom—in most flattering terms concerning the, which was, indeed, *jete* according to all accounts, magnificent. The present Lord Ebury is a grandson of the first Lord Westminster; his father, Lord Robert Grosvenor, was the third son of the first Marquis and was, in 1857, created Baron Ebury. He was a friend and colleague of the "good Lord Shaftesbury" and was much interested in philanthropic works. He died in 1893 at the advanced age of ninety-two after a life of usefulness, and was succeeded by his eldest son, the present proprietor of Moor Park, which since it came into his possession has been practically redecorated and restored.

[From "Truth."]

Lord Cadogan has expressed a strong desire to be relieved of his office as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland at the end of this year, and it is proposed at Court that the Duke of Argyll should succeed him. The residence of a member of the Royal Family at Dublin would no doubt give much satisfaction in Ireland, and Princess Louise is said to be anxious for the suggested arrangement. It my be hoped, however, that the Duke of Argyll does not contemplate a frugal dispensation of hospitality, as any attempt to do the thing "on the cheap" would be exceedingly unpopular, and would excite universal disgust in Ireland. Lord and Lady Cadogan's hospitalities have been profuse and splendid, and in this respect they will be difficult people to follow.

[From the "World."]

The Queen of Roumania, who is on a visit to her mother, the Dowager Princess of Wied, at her seat on the Rhine, will probably pay a brief visit to England next month, in which case she is to spend a couple of days at Balmoral with the Queen. Some years ago Queen Elizabeth came to England for a short time during the autumn, and went on a tour through Scotland, during which she went to Balmoral on a visit to the Queen, who decorated her Majesty with the First Class of the Royal Order of Victoria and Albert, which is very rarely bestowed. There have been only two subsequent creations in the First Class: the Empress of Russia and the Duchess of York.

[From the "Young Woman."]

It is no wonder Adelina Patti loves her castle home. The surrounding country is wild and picturesque, great crags, tumbling streams, sudden patches of wild woodland, and great rolling hills sloping away to a deep blue distance. Here and there a nestling village; sometimes a remote farmhouse, otherwise just Nature at her grandest—and Craig-y-Nos Castle, fitting nest for so rare a bird. By the way, there is a notion afloat that the Welsh name Adelina Patti's home means in English "nightingale's nest," but that is a mistake, its real signification being "Rock of Night," and its reason the enormous boulder of black granite which tops a mountain on the opposite side of the river running through her grounds.

[From the "Daily Chronicle."]

Sir Nicholas O'Conor, whom his friends are delighted to welcome to England, has lately been—although an Ambassador—a thankful man. Ambassadors are proverbially difficult to please in their appointments; but Sir Nicholas has been unfeignedly glad, during the past months, to be at Constantinople, and not at Peking, where he was predecessor of Sir Claude Macdonald. Lady O'Conor, who is with her husband on his holiday, comes home just in time to take an active interest in the candidature of her brother, Mr. Hope, for a division of Sheffield, where the popularity of his uncle, the Duke of Norfolk, will do more for him than a cohort of canvassers.

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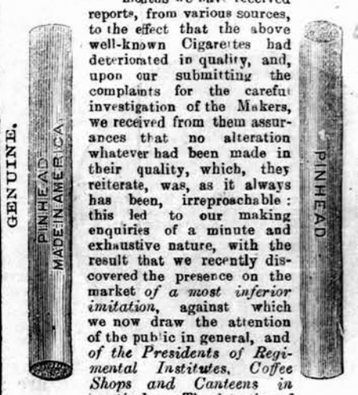

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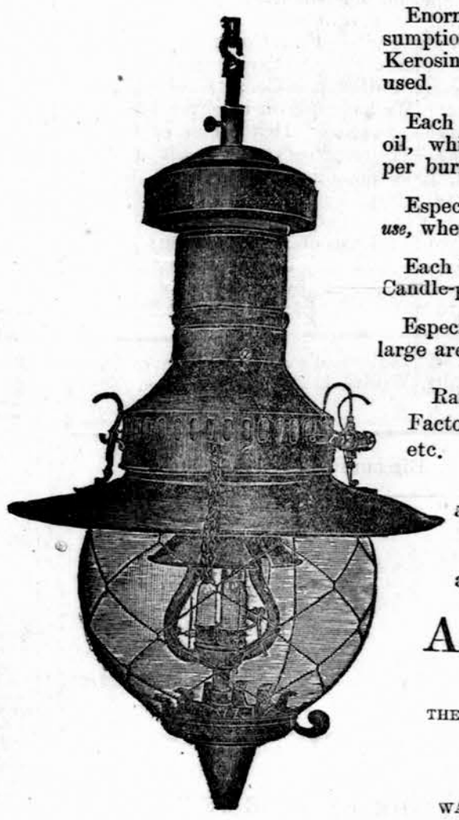

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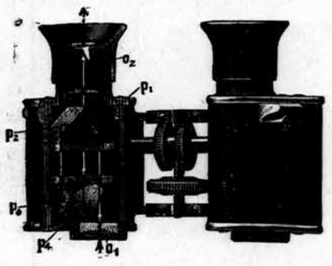

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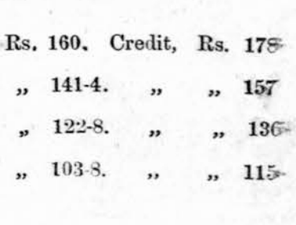

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